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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 4--Morehead State University swimming coach Bill Mack has announced six remaining meets on his team's schedule.

Remaining meets include three home meets and three away meets, as well as the state swimming meet at the University of Kentucky February 28-March 1.

Morehead's next meet is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., January 18, in the Senff Natatorium in Morehead against the University of Kentucky. Coach Mack's charges lost their first two encounters.

On January 22, Morehead will visit Centre College at Danville, and January 25 they will host Tennessee A & I. Berea College will host the Eagles on February 8, and on February 15 Morehead will swim against Eastern Kentucky at Richmond.

The final home swimming meet is scheduled for February 22, when Union College will challenge the Eagles.

Coach Mack praised the work of Bob Abell, a freshman from Jeffersonville, Ind. Abell broke the school records for the 100-yard and the 200-yard free-style events in his first two meets.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 4---Morehead State University's freshman basketball team will battle Marshall University's unbeaten frosh at Williamson, W. Va., on Saturday, January 18.

Morehead's Baby Eagles, coached by Leon Schrader, have lost tough games to Somerset Community College and Sullivan Business College in Louisville.

The Little Herd of Marshall has decisioned the junior varsity teams of Morris Harvey, West Virginia State and Pikeville. All of the victories were played on Marshall's home floor.

Six-foot guard Eddie Conley of Jenkins, Ky., is the lone scholarship player on the Morehead team. He is the younger brother of Jerry Conley, Morehead's All-Ohio Valley Conference guard senior.

Other Morehead starters are expected to be Harry Francis, a 5-10 guard from Glasgow; Malcolm Blount, a 6-4 center from Fort Valley, Ga.; Mike Guiller, a 6-4 forward from Owingsville; and Mike McKinney, a 5-11 forward from Brooksville.

The game will be sponsored by the Williamson Rotary Club.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 7--The latest NCAA official basketball statistics, which included games of January 1, listed Morehead State University as the major-college team leader in both team offense and rebounds.

Through their first eight games, Bob Wright's Eagles had scored 766 points for an average of 95.8, .1 point ahead of Michigan. Michigan scored 99 points against Iowa Saturday, while Morehead pumped in 111 in defeating OVC conference foe Murray State 111-78.

Morehead's average through nine games has increased to 97.4, while Michigan's is up to 96.0 in ten games. Morehead has to score at least 83 points against Austin Peay tonight to stay up with Michigan in the scoring race.

Retrieving only 55 rebounds against Murray State Saturday, Morehead is now averaging 67.9 rebounds a game, which is 2.4 rebounds less than shown on the latest NCAA statistics.

Lamar Green, a 6-7 forward, is Morehead's leading rebounder with an average of 16 per game. Center Willie Jackson is averaging 13.1 rebounds and forward Ron Gathright is averaging 11.8.

Jackson tops the Morehead scorers with an average of 19.1, followed closely by guard Jerry Conley's 18.9 average. Other Eagles averaging in double figures are Gathright with 13.7 and Green with 12.7. Bobby Hiles, Morehead's other starter, is scoring at a 9.3 clip.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 8--Morehead State University's high scoring basketball Eagles hope to extend two winning streaks as they embark upon their first Ohio Valley Conference road trip this Saturday.

Saturday night, Bob Wright's charges visit Middle Tennessee at Murfreesboro in quest of a fourth straight OVC win and their fifth consecutive victory. The Eagles have an 8-2 overall record and a 97.4 points-per-game average.

Middle Tennessee, which lost 91-84 to East Tennessee Monday, will be seeking its first OVC win after losing to Tennessee Tech. The Blue Raiders are 7-4 overall.

Morehead is currently in first place in the tough conference and the lone undefeated team in conference play. The Eagles have knocked off Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, and Austin Peay.

Willie Brown, a 6-3 senior guard, is the big offensive gun for Coach Ken Trickey's Blue Raiders. Brown, who was an All-Conference selection last year, is averaging over 23 points a game.

Booker Brown, a 7-0 junior center transfer from the University of Missouri, is one of the top rebounders in the conference. He was listed as fourth in the nation in the recent NCAA statistics.

Lamar Green, Morehead's 6-7 senior forward, and Willie (Hobo) Jackson, a 6-7 senior center, hope to stay with Booker Brown on the boards. Green is averaging 16.6 rebounds a contest, and Jackson is pulling them down at a 12.6 clip.

Morehead is led in scoring by 6-2 guard Jerry Conley, who is averaging 19.6 a game. Jackson is close behind with 17.9, and all Morehead starters are in double figures.

Green is averaging 13.8, followed closely by Ron Gathright with 13.1. Guard Bobby Hiles raised his average to an even 10 points a game with 16 against Austin Peay Monday night.

Morehead carries a 3-1 road record into the game and hopes to extend it to 5-1 after the Middle Tennessee game and Monday night's tilt at Western Kentucky.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 10--Morehead State University's Eagles will play the role of giant killer again Monday night when they try to stop Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers at Bowling Green.

In Jim McDaniels, Western's highly regarded sophomore, Morehead will be facing its second seven-foot center in three days. Saturday night they will try to stop Middle Tennessee's Booker Brown.

Four men on the Hilltopper roster are listed as taller than the tallest Morehead players. Starter Clarence Glover is 6-7 1/2, and reserves Walter Banks and Wayne Bright are 6-9 and 6-8, respectively. Morehead's lanky Lamar Green and Willie (Hobo) Jackson are 6-7.

Western, coached by Johnny Oldham, has an 8-5 mark going into Saturday night's game with rival Eastern Kentucky, while Morehead is 8-2. In one newspaper poll, Western was a pre-season pick to win the Ohio Valley Conference, while Morehead was picked first in another poll.

Bob Wright's Eagles are hoping to stretch their winning streak to six games by winning road games at Middle Tennessee and Western. "If we can win these two games and the Tennessee Tech game at Cookeville, January 18, we should be in very good shape for the conference race," Wright said. The Eagles are atop the conference standings with a perfect 3-0 record.

The Eagles have a 3-1 record for road games, including an OVC victory over Eastern Kentucky and two wins in the Citrus Classic in Edinburg, Texas.

Western is undefeated in six home contests, including a two-point victory over Austin Peay, a scrappy quintet which Morehead defeated by 18 points Monday at Morehead.

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All five Morehead starters are averaging in double figures for the team which leads the nation in scoring average with 97.4 a game. Jerry Conley, a 6-2 guard, is averaging 19.6 points a contest, while Willie (Hobo) Jackson is scoring at a 17.9 clip.

Lamar Green, a 6-7 senior forward, is averaging 13.8 points a game, and 6-3 forward Ron Gathright is scoring 13.1. Playmaking guard Bobby Hiles has raised his average to an even 10 points with a 16-point performance against Austin Peay.

Jackson, a 6-7 senior center, and Green are hoping to keep McDaniels' scoring and rebounding to a minimum. Green is one of the top rebounders in the nation with an average of 16.6. Other Eagles averaging in double figures in the rebound department are Jackson with a 12.6 average and Gathright with an 11.9 average.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 11--The Morehead State University Eagles are the nation's highest scoring major college basketball team for the second straight week, according to official NCAA statistics.

Coach Bob Wright's cagers are averaging 97.4 points per game and have an 8-2 record, including 3-0 and first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Eagles are second nationally in team rebounding, 69.1 per game to 70.6 for Middle Tennessee, their Saturday night foe in an OVC clash at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Morehead ranks third in scoring margin behind UCLA and LaSalle. The MSU point spread has averaged 18.3 per game with an offensive average of 97.4 and a defensive mark of 79.1.

Senior forward Lamar Green is tied for ninth in individual rebounding, averaging 16.4 per game. The 6-7 high jumper is deadlocked with Gary Cowens of Florida State.

The Eagles wind up their road trip Monday night against Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers at Bowling Green. Both games send the Eagles against seven-foot centers, Western's Jim McDaniels and Middle Tennessee's Booker Brown.

Jerry Conley, a 6-2 guard, is leading the MSU scorers with 19.6 per game. Willie (Hobo) Jackson, 6-7 center, has a 17.9 mark. Green is averaging 13.8. Ron Gathright, 6-3 forward, has been hitting at a 13.1 clip and Bobby Hiles, 6-2 guard, an even 10.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 16---Hoping to rebound from two straight overtime Ohio Valley Conference road losses, Coach Bob Wright's Morehead State University basketball Eagles travel to Cookeville, Tennessee, Saturday to challenge tough Tennessee Tech.

Coach Kenny Sidwell's Golden Eagles are currently in third place in the OVC race with a 2-1 record, with their lone conference loss coming at Murray State Saturday. Morehead romped over Murray State January 4, but the Eagles have lost to Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, the two OVC teams that Tennessee Tech has defeated.

Tennessee Tech defeated Morehead twice last season in three games, including a win in the OVC tournament. Morehead leads the 43-game series with 24 victories.

Morehead carries an 8-4 overall and a 3-2 conference record into the contest, while Tennessee Tech is 8-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Tennessee Tech has won all seven of its home games this season, while Morehead is 3-3 on the road.

Although Morehead's nation-leading average slipped to 95.6 during the two-game losing streak, all five Eagle starters are averaging in double figures. Jerry Conley, a 6-2 senior guard, has a 19.6 point average, followed closely by Willie Jackson's 18.3 mark.

A 6-7 jumping-jack forward, senior Lamar Green leads Morehead's rebounding unit with an average of 15.7 a game. He pulled down 15 rebounds against Western Kentucky's highly regarded 7-foot center Jim McDaniels Monday night.

Tennessee Tech's offensive attack is led by Ron Sutton, a 6-4 junior forward who is scoring 17.7 points a game. His older brother, Jim, a 6-2 senior guard, also starts for the Golden Eagles.

Rounding out Tennessee Tech's starting quintet are three Kentuckians-- 6-foot guard Bill Bland, a junior from Versailles, 6-7 senior center Ketchel Strauss from Nicholasville, and 6-5 forward Frank Bartleson from Harrodsburg.

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Art Bosnak, the Golden Eagles' 7-foot substitute center, will be the third straight 7-footer Morehead has faced.

Wright is hoping that the Eagles' physical condition improves before Saturday. Conley's performance has been slowed by a bout with the intestinal flu, Green has a severely bruised heel, and several other players have been below par.

"This is a 'must' game for us, and we hope to be ready both physically and mentally," Wright said. "In order to stay in contention for the OVC title, we must win more games away from home."

Saturday's probable starting lineups:

MOREHEAD	POS.	TENNESSEE TECH
Lamar Green (6-7)	F	Frank Bartleson (6-5)
Ron Gathright (6-3)	F	Ron Sutton (6-4)
Willie (Hobo) Jackson (6-7)	C	Ketchel Strauss (6-7)
Jerry Conley (6-2)	G	Jim Sutton (6-2)
Bobby Hiles (6-2)	G	Bill Bland (6-0)

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 17--Morehead State University continues to lead the major-college division teams in offensive average, according to the latest NCAA statistics, which include games through January 14.

The Eagles, coached by Bob Wright, are averaging 95.7 points through their first 12 games, 2.7 points a game higher than second-place Michigan. The Eagles remained in second place in rebounding behind OVC rival Middle Tennessee. Middle Tennessee, victors over Morehead in an overtime Saturday night, are averaging 69.1 a game and Morehead is averaging 67.8.

Morehead's Lamar Green, a 6-7 forward, is ninth nationally in rebounding with an average of 16.6 per game. In his latest effort, Green grabbed 15 rebounds against Western Kentucky to keep pace with 7-foot Jim McDaniels.

The Eagles will be trying to increase their averages when they challenge tough Tennessee Tech at Cookeville, Tennessee, Saturday night.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 17---Although currently in fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings, Morehead State University is leading the league in offensive average with an average of 95.6 points a game.

Coach Bob Wright's Eagles, victims of two overtime losses away from home Saturday and Monday, also have several players among the leaders in three individual statistics categories.

Morehead's 6-7 seniors, Lamar Green and Willie (Hobo) Jackson, are second and third in rebounding with averages of 15.7 and 13.3, respectively. Ron Gathright, a 6-3 junior forward, is seventh in the rebound race with an average of 11.2 a game.

Jerry Conley, a 6-2 senior guard, is sixth in scoring with an average of 19.6 a game, while Jackson is eighth with an average of 18.3.

Jackson is also eighth in field goal percentage, hitting 47.6 per cent of his shots. Conley is 10th best field goal shooter in the conference with 47.3 per cent accuracy, and 6-2 junior guard Bobby Hiles is 12th with 45.3 per cent.

Morehead is the only team with all five starters listed among the leaders. The statistics included games through Monday, January 13.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. ²⁹~~28~~ --- Baseball players at Morehead State University are grunting and groaning through a ~~man~~ winter conditioning program alongside a man who punishes himself for profit.

The "guest" is Steve Hamilton, MSU physical education instructor and standout relief pitcher for the New York Yankees.

Hamilton, who joins the MSU faculty during the off season, is getting ready for spring training. His ~~training~~ duties include assisting Coach John (Sonny) Allen with the baseball squad.

The southpaw hurler works mainly with the Eagles pitching staff when he isn't running or sweating through calisthenics.

Hamilton, an All-OVC selection in basketball and baseball at Morehead before graduating in 1958, has been going through similar conditioning programs since he started returning to his alma mater ~~in the winter~~ after the 1960 season.

At that time, Hamilton decided to ~~for~~^{go} professional basketball and concentrate on baseball. Previously, the lanky curveballer from Charlestown, Ind. played pro baseball in the spring and summer in the Cleveland Indians organization and pro basketball during the winter for the ~~and~~ old Minneapolis Lakers.

Hamilton, a popular figure on the MSU campus, admits he is working harder than usual this winter. He feels last season was his best in the majors and ^{he} hopes to do even ~~much~~ better in 1969.

"I didn't win many games last year but I'm ^{those} very proud of ~~my~~ all saves and my earned run average," Hamilton said. His ERA was below 2.00 and among the league's best.

The lefthander is regarded as the Yankees' top reliever. His lifetime record in the majors is 31-17. He has pitched in two different World Series.

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For a man who watched the once mighty Yankees skid from first place to last, Hamilton is optimistic about the team's rebuilding plans. The club climbed from ~~seventh~~ ^{place} ninth to fifth ~~place~~ last season and Hamilton sees brighter days ahead.

"Keep your eye on the Yankees," Hamilton advises, "we're on the move." His maturity as a full-fledged major leaguer was recognized last year when the American League players made him their official player representative. He also represents the Yankees ~~team~~ in team matters.

The 32-year-old hurler has not signed his 1969 contract because of a disagreement between club owners and players over pension benefits. However, he feels the dispute will be resolved in time for spring training to open ~~and~~ as scheduled on Feb. 19.

Hamilton, who also has an MA degree from MSU, plans to become a full-time college instructor when he hangs up his spikes.

~~Will~~ Does he ~~want~~ want to come back to Morehead?

"The idea sure appeals to ~~me~~ me. Morehead has been wonderful to me and the university is an exciting place."

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 22---After defeating East Tennessee 63-59 in a slowed down game here last night, Morehead State University's basketball Eagles have almost a three-week vacation from the Ohio Valley Conference wars.

The victory boosted Morehead's record to 5-2 and entrenched Bob Wright's cagers in third place in the OVC standings, behind Murray State and Western Kentucky with 4-1 records.

The closest team to Morehead in the standings is Tennessee Tech with a 3-3 record after losing to Eastern Kentucky Monday night. Eastern Kentucky, scheduled as Morehead's next OVC opponent in a Feb. 8 game at Morehead, has raised its conference mark to 3-4.

Averaging 93.1 points a game after its lowest scoring contest this season, Morehead is shooting 45.6 per cent from the field and a lowly 58.6 per cent from the free throw line.

Substitute guard Danny Cornett, who has been filling in for the ailing Jerry Conley, is Morehead's top shooter with a 48.9 percentage of accuracy, while 6-7 center Willie (Hobo) Jackson has raised his field goal percentage to 48.8.

Lamar Green, a 6-7 senior forward, grabbed 27 rebounds against East Tennessee Monday night to raise his average to 16.8. Other Eagles with double-figure rebound averages are Jackson with a 12.1 mark and 6-3 forward Ron Gathright with a 11.0 average. The team's rebound average is 61.4 a game.

Wright is hoping Conley, who has missed the majority of the past two games because of the flu, and guard Bobby Hiles are ready for Saturday night's game here with Morris Harvey. Game time is 7:30.

The Eagles will leave next week for a southern road trip, during which they will play the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg on Jan. 30 and the University of Miami on Feb. 1.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 23--Another All-State football player has signed a letter-of-intent to attend Morehead State University.

Gary Shultz, a 185-pound fullback who helped guide Campbell County High School to a 9-1 record last season, has been signed by Morehead assistant coach Mike Brown.

Standing 5-11, Shultz averaged over 10 yards a carry this year, said Morehead Coach Jake Hallum. Hallum said, "We are happy to sign a player with such outstanding ability and character. We feel that Gary will be a big help in the Eagles' efforts next season."

"Gary was coached well by Coach Bob Miller at Campbell County, and he has an excellent football background," Coach Hallum said.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 23--The Morehead State University Eagles will be seeking win No. 11 when small-college power Morris Harvey plays here at 7:30 Saturday night.

Morris Harvey, coached by Rick Meckfessel, raised its overall record to 10-6 with a 82-76 win over West Virginia Wesleyan Monday. The Golden Eagles have a 5-3 mark in the tough West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Last year the Golden Eagles posted a 20-10 record and won the WVIAC tournament title. This season Morris Harvey has twice defeated Marshall University, the team that has handed Morehead its two non-conference defeats.

The veteran Morris Harvey unit has four regulars returning from last season, and all four had double-figure scoring averages. Top scorer this season is 6-3 forward Spike Conley, who is averaging 22 points a game.

Other returning regulars are 6-5 forward Steve Quinn, 6-3 guard Jim Hayes, and 6-2 guard John Eaton. Roger Bartrum, a 6-6 center, who saw only limited action last season, should complete the Golden Eagles' starting five.

Meckfessel's Golden Eagles have been employing a 1-3-1 offense this season, and at times their zone has been rather effective.

"We have three days to work out some type defense to stop their zone," said Morehead Coach Bob Wright. "Our boys have been tired and several have been recovering from the flu. We hope our guard situation improves before Saturday night."

The guard situation to which Wright was referring concerned Jerry Conley's and Bobby Hiles' bout with the flu. The 6-2 Conley has been sidelined the past two games with weakness resulting from the flu, while Hiles has remained in the lineup, although slowed by the "bug."

"We might have a rebounding edge over Morris Harvey, but they are quick and a real scrappy group," Wright said. "We are hoping that our team will be physically ready."

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Although the Eagles scored only 73 points against East Tennessee Monday, Morehead is still among the top scoring teams in the nation with an average of 93.1 points a game. The Eagles have grabbed an average of 61.4 rebounds a game, topped by 6-7 forward Lamar Green's 16.8 a game.

Wright praised Green for his tremendous effort against East Tennessee, when Green grabbed 27 of his team's 44 rebounds and connected on seven of nine field goal attempts.

Morehead carries a 10-4 overall record into the contest, including a 6-1 record at home. Saturday night's game will be the last Morehead home game until Feb. 8, when conference rival Eastern Kentucky plays here.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 26--Dennis Hursey, a sprinter from Morehead State University, will represent the Eagles in the Boston Athletic Association Games in Boston Garden on Feb. 1.

A senior from Brockton, Mass., Hursey will be competing in the 50-yard and 440-yard competition with some of the top runners on the East Coast.

Hursey placed second in the Ohio Valley Conference 220-yard dash competition to Murray State's All-American, Jim Freeman, last year and finished fifth in the 100-yard dash competition.

He has run a 9.6 100-yard dash, 21.4 in the 220-yard category, and 48.0 in the 440-yard dash. He was Morehead's leading point-getter last season.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 26--Clifford Edwards, a 200-pound fullback-linebacker from Springs Valley High School, French Lick, Ind., has signed a letter-of-intent to attend Morehead State University.

The 5-11 Edwards helped lead his high school to a 10-0 record in 1967 and a 9-1 record last season. Edwards gained more than 1,700 yards rushing his junior year and over 1,500 yards last season.

"We are greatly impressed with Edwards' blocking ability, which can fit in well with our offense," said Morehead assistant coach Larry Marmie, who witnessed the signing.

"From viewing films of his play, we saw that Clif gives a tremendous amount of effort and that he is a great competitor," Marmie said.

Edwards' high school coach was Gil Fey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards of West Baden, Ind.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 28---Morehead State University's high flying Eagles will fly south this week in search of their 12th and 13th victories.

Coach Bob Wright will aim his scoring machine, which has a 11-4 record, at the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday night and at the University of Miami Saturday.

Averaging 93.1 points a contest, Morehead is the leading scoring team in the nation. The Eagles scored 92 points against a stubborn Morris Harvey team Saturday to surpass the 90-point mark for the eighth time this season.

The Eagles are also high in the rebounding department with an average of 61.3 a game. Recent NCAA statistics, which included games through Jan. 21, showed Morehead second in rebounding behind Ohio Valley Conference foe Middle Tennessee.

Lamar Green, a 6-7 senior forward from Birmingham, has grabbed 48 rebounds in his last two games to raise his total for the season to 256, an average of 17.1 a game. The lanky jumping jack needs only 28 more rebounds to equal his entire output for last season.

Also in double figures in rebound average are 6-7 center Willie (Hobo) Jackson with an average of 12.3 and 6-3 forward Ron Gathright with an average of 11.2.

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Conley and Hiles are recovered from the flu and should be able to start in the Southern games. Conley has not started the past three games, although he scored 16 points in a substitute role Saturday night. Danny Cornett is available in case either Hiles or Conley is still ailing at game time.

At Southern Mississippi, the Eagles will be facing a veteran, tall team which has lost only one game on its home court this season. Wendell Ladner, a 6-5 junior forward, is leading the Southerners in both scoring and rebounding

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with over 20 points and 15 rebounds a game. He holds the school record for the most rebounds in one season.

Rich Corsetto, a 6-3 sophomore guard, and John Vitrano, a 6-2 junior guard, are also averaging in double figures. Vitrano hit 57.9 per cent of his shots last year, and he is connecting on more than half of his attempts this year.

Jack Lockhart, a 6-5 junior forward from Pikeville, is an occasional starter for the Southerners, coached by Lee Floyd, now in his 12th year as Mississippi Southern's mentor.

At Miami, Morehead will face a Hurricane team that has a 5-8 record entering this week, during which it will play four home games. Tuesday night Miami hosts Florida Southern; Wednesday night, Stetson; and Friday night, Hawaii.

Miami's big gun is Don Curnutt, a junior guard who is scoring at a 24.9 pace. Willie Allen, a 6-6 sophomore center, is averaging 14.2 points and 10.4 rebounds a game, while 6-7 junior forward Wayne Canaday has 10.8 rebounds and 11.2 points a contest.

The Hurricane is coached by Ron Godfrey, who posted a 17-11 record as a first-year coach last season.

"We are hoping that we do as well on this trip as we did the last time we flew," Wright said. He was referring to the trip to Edinburg, Texas, Dec. 27-28, when the Eagles defeated Western Michigan and Pan American to win the Citrus Classic championship.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 29---Steve Gerhardt, a 212-pound fullback from Xenia, Ohio, has signed a letter-of-intent with Morehead State University, becoming the third high-school fullback prospect to sign with the Eagles this year.

Gerhardt, a six-footer, scored 17 touchdowns and rushed 915 yards in leading Xenia to a 9-1 record this season. He was named to the All-Miami Valley and All-Dayton Area teams. His high school coach is Don Middleton.

A versatile athlete, Gerhardt finished third in the Ohio state shot put competition last year.

"We are delighted to sign such an excellent prospect as Steve," said John Behling, Morehead offensive line coach, who made the signing. "We feel that he has outstanding ability and fine character, and he can contribute greatly to the Eagles' Ohio Valley Conference title hopes."

Other fullbacks signed by Morehead are Clifford Edwards from Springs Valley High School, French Lick, Ind., and Gary Shultz from Campbell County.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 5--Recovering from a hectic five-day road trip, the Morehead State University basketball squad is happy to be back in the friendly confines of Laughlin Fieldhouse, where the Eagles will resume their Ohio Valley Conference combat Saturday.

During a southern tour in which they lost a 93-85 decision to Southern Mississippi Thursday and an overtime thriller to Miami Saturday, the Eagles logged several unscheduled hours of flying time and traveled by station wagon, taxi, airplane, bus, and rented car enroute to their original destination--Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Eagles journeyed by station wagon Wednesday morning to Lexington, where they boarded a flight scheduled to land in Atlanta before noon. After circling Chattanooga, Tenn., for about 45 minutes, the plane moved on to Atlanta, where it circled a fogged-in airport about two hours before landing in Augusta, Ga., over 170 miles away.

All afternoon Wednesday, Coach Bob Wright attempted to get a flight out of Augusta, but no planes were leaving. Finally, with an airline paying the bill, the Eagles boarded three taxicabs and headed for Atlanta.

Enroute to Atlanta, the cab in which starters Lamar Green, Ron Gathright, and Willie Jackson, and reserves Don Byars and Jerry Hueseman were riding narrowly escaped a collision with an oncoming trailer truck and later had a blowout.

"Our driver told us we had plenty of room to drop back when we nearly hit the truck, but another big semi was right behind us. We were just lucky to squeeze between the trucks," said Jackson, a 6-7 center.

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After spending the night in Atlanta, the Eagles flew to New Orleans Thursday and traveled about 100 miles by rented cars to Hattiesburg, arriving only a few hours before gametime.

The team's tiredness showed in the game, although the Eagles nearly pulled out a victory. The Eagles, who had no opportunity to practice before the game, hit only half of their 18 free throws.

No transportation difficulties were encountered between Hattiesburg and Miami, and the entire team scouted Miami as it hosted Hawaii Friday night. The Eagles enjoyed a practice session Saturday.

Saturday night a fresh Eagle team lost 92-91 in overtime to drop Morehead's road record to 3-5.

Morehead is currently tied for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference. The seven remaining conference contests include four games at home and three on the road. Rival Eastern Kentucky will be here Saturday night, and Middle Tennessee, a 93-88 overtime victor over Morehead in an earlier game, will invade Monday night.

Following a non-conference game against Kentucky State at Frankfort next Tuesday, Morehead will make a two-game OVC road trip to Austin Peay on Feb. 15 and to Murray Feb. 17. The Eagles hope to revenge a 87-86 overtime loss when Western Kentucky plays here Feb. 22.

An unpleasant road trip behind them, the Morehead State University basketball Eagles are readying for an Ohio Valley Conference clash with Eastern Saturday night at Laughlin Fieldhouse.

Coach Bob Wright's cagers brought home an 11-6 season mark after dropping two games during their Southern swing last weekend. Morehead's 5-2 OVC record is good for a second place tie with Murray, a Western victim Monday night 7:30 p.m. The battle with ~~Eastern~~ surging Eastern looms as a 'must' game if MSU is to remain in contention for the conference crown. Western presently sits atop the OVC heap with a 6-1 slate.

Coach Guy Strong's ECU Colonels, fresh from a 92-72 pasting of St. Francis Monday night, of Pa. have won five of their last six games. They will be out to avenge a 73-60 loss to Morehead last Dec. 14 at ~~Richmond~~ Richmond.

The Colonels' Willie Woods missed the last two games but the rebounding ace is expected to be ready for the Morehead game. His replacements picked up 27 points and 17 rebounds in the St. Francis tilt.

Travel difficulties plagued the Eagles during the first half of their road trip and contributed to an 93-85 loss to the University of Southern ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi at Hattiesburg. Although leaving Morehead early Wednesday, the squad did not arrive in Hattiesburg until two hours before tipoff time Thursday night.

Bad flying conditions forced the team to make an 170-mile by taxicab and another 100 miles in ~~rented~~ rented cars. The "long ~~away~~ around" trip caused ~~caused~~ unscheduled stops in Augusta, Ga., and New Orleans, La.

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(Weather improved Friday and the Eagles flew on to Miami Beach, Fla., for a Saturday night encounter with the University of Miami. ~~Miami~~

(The host Hurricanes pulled out a 92-91 overtime victory, the Eagles' ^{Third} ~~third~~ extra period loss in three tries this season. Miami won the Marshall University Invitational Tournament last December in Huntington.

(Guard Jerry Conley is leading the MSU cagers with a 17.6 scoring average heading into the Eastern battle. Willie Jackson, 6-7 center, has 16.8 and Lamar Green, also 6-7, has scored at a 15.1 clip and leads the rebounding corps with ~~numerous~~ 17 per game.

(Morehead remains the nation's highest scoring major college basketball team with an average of 92.5 over 17 games.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 7--"It will probably be the toughest home game we've played all season," said Bob Wright, Morehead State University basketball coach, about his Eagles' encounter with Eastern Kentucky University here Saturday.

Wright, who scouted Eastern's 92-72 win over St. Francis Monday, was impressed with Guy Strong's Colonels, a team that has won five of its last six games.

"They won most of those games without the services of Willie Woods," remarked Wright, "and he will probably will be well enough to play over here." The hustling 6-3 forward, who has missed three games, is averaging more than 16 points and 11 rebounds a game, second in both departments among Colonel players.

Eastern will be seeking to revenge a loss to Morehead in the opening game of the Ohio Valley Conference season, while Morehead will be seeking its fifth straight home victory and hoping to stay alive in the OVC title race.

Eastern carries a 3-4 conference mark into the tilt, while Morehead is 5-2 in the OVC. The Colonels are 9-6 overall, while Morehead has won 11 and lost six.

Strong's squad held the high scoring Morehead unit to one of its lowest scores this season when the Eagles won 73-60 at Richmond. Morehead, for several weeks the nation's highest scoring team, is averaging 92.5 points a game to Eastern's 78.7. Morehead has allowed the opposition an average of 81 points a contest, while Eastern has allowed 74.1.

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In praising the good work of his team in recent outings, Coach Strong said that statistics don't always tell the story but they sure help. "Statistics are the cold facts, but there are those hidden ingredients that don't show up on paper. I think we've had the right combination of both."

Statistically speaking, Morehead should have the advantage since the Eagles are outrebounding the Colonels 60 to 53.3 and have outshot them from the field 45.8 per cent to 42.4 per cent. Eastern has an edge in the free throw category, outshooting the Eagles 67 per cent to 58.5 per cent.

But here is where the "hidden ingredients" come in. The rivalry between the two schools is rather strong, Eastern is a team with momentum and seeking revenge, and Morehead has just returned from a two-game long and tiring road trip during which it lost both games.

"We've spent all week getting ready for Eastern," said Wright, "and this will be a game in which we can't afford to make many mistakes. We are expecting a hard fought contest all the way."

MOREHEAD, Feb. 12----Morehead State University's Eagles flew high during the past week by winning three basketball games within four days.

Saturday night Bob Wright's Eagles knocked off Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky 77-65 as 6-7 forward Lamar Green scored 21 points and grabbed 24 rebounds.

Guard Bobby Hiles added 15 points, and Willie (Hobo) Jackson scored 14. Ron Gathright was also in double figures with 10 markers.

After trailing 8-1 early in the game, the Eagles came back to take a 41-35 halftime lead. The victory was the sixth in the conference for Morehead and kept alive their OVC title hopes.

Middle Tennessee was the victim of a 106-74 stomping here Monday night as the fired-up Eagles rolled. Green grabbed 30 rebounds, his season's high, in leading the Morehead unit to a lop-sided 88-46 rebound edge.

Jackson led the balanced Morehead scoring attack with 17 points, followed by Jerry Conley's 16. Danny Cornett and Hiles scored 12 points each, and Gathright added 11. Twelve players scored for Morehead as Coach Wright emptied his bench.

Morehead was leading by only six, 45-39, at the half, but the Eagles came back strong in the second half to blow the Blue Raiders of Coach Ken Trickey out of the gym.

Middle Tennessee's 7-foot center, Booker Brown, was held to 10 points and 10 rebounds as he fouled out early in the second half.

At Frankfort Tuesday night, the going wasn't so easy for the Eagles as they defeated Kentucky State 79-72. The Eagles failed to capitalize on their breaks early in the contest and were trailing 26-15 after 10 minutes.

Trailing 42-35 at halftime, the Eagles emerged from the dressing room a much more inspired team after hearing a spirited pep talk from Coach Wright.

Guard Jerry Conley scored 13 points in the final period, and Gathright connected on all five of his free throw attempts. A follow up shot by Jackson with 13:30 remaining gave Morehead a 61-59 lead, which it never relinquished.

Conley was high point man with 20 points, while Jackson added 19. Lamar Green scored 15 points, and Ron Gathright 13. Green and Jackson each pulled down 19 rebounds as Morehead outrebounded its taller opponents 65-56.

Green has now raised his rebound average to 18.1, and the team's average is slightly over 61 a game. The Eagles are scoring an average of 91.7 points, led by Conley's 17.2 average. All five starters are in double figures, and sixth man Dan Cornett is scoring at an 8.6 pace.

The Eagles leave for a crucial road trip this weekend as they visit Austin Peay on Saturday and league leading Murray State on Monday.

Austin Peay has won only one conference contest, but every OVC team is dangerous on its home court. Murray, on the other hand, has lost only to Morehead and Western in building its OVC record to 8-2. The Racers have not lost on their home court this year.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 12---Morehead State University, currently tied for second place in the tight Ohio Valley Conference basketball race, will play two successive "must" games within three days beginning Saturday.

Saturday night the Eagles will play pesky Austin Peay at Clarksville, Tenn., in a contest which the Eagles must win in order to stay in the running for the conference crown.

Although Austin Peay's Governors have won only one OVC game this season, they have played several close contests, such as a two-point loss to powerful Western Kentucky. Morehead defeated Austin Peay 97-79 on the Eagles' home court, but the home court advantage seems greater in the OVC this season.

Top gun for Austin Peay's scoring attack is guard Howard Wright, who is one of the leading scorers in the conference. He is scoring nearly 25 points a game, as well as leading the team in assists.

Five Kentuckians are starters for the Govs, including Wright, a former Louisville Central star. Others are Larry Noble of Turkey (Breathitt County), Charlie Moore of Earlington, Holly Heaberlin of Raceland, and Terry Young of Blaine.

After facing the Govs, Morehead will travel to Murray to challenge Cal Luther's league-leading Racers. Currently sporting an 8-2 record, the Racers are undefeated on their home floor this season.

The Racers have lost only one game---an 84-82 decision to Western Kentucky--since being walloped 111-78 by Morehead on the Eagles' home court. During that string, Murray has posted a 9-1 record.

The Racers are led by forwards Claude Virden and Hector Blouddett, who are both hitting over half of their field goal attempts. Virden is averaging more than 20 points and 10 rebounds a game.

Murray's unit is not as high in scoring or rebounding as are the Eagles, averaging 80 points and 45 rebounds a game to Morehead's 92 points and 60 rebounds.

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On the other hand, the Racers have hit almost 70 per cent of their free throws, while Morehead has barely hit 60 per cent.

The Eagles turned in their best free throw shooting performance of the season Monday night when they hit 30 of 34 attempts for a percentage of 88.2 in a 106-74 victory over Middle Tennessee.

Lamar Green, Morehead's jumping jack forward, has improved his free-throw shooting greatly over the past few games, and his free-throw percentage is now as good as his effort from the field---49 per cent.

Nothing has been wrong with Green's rebounding ability, apparently, since he has raised his average to 18.1. He grabbed a season high of 30 rebounds against Middle Tennessee Monday.

Other Eagles with double-figure rebound averages are Willie (Hobo) Jackson with 11.8 and Ron Gathright with 10.5.

The Eagles carry a 4-4 road record into the trip. The Eagles have won two and lost two on the road in the OVC.

A dropped pass and a foul made the difference between victory and defeat at Murray ~~Monday~~ night as the Morehead State University basketball Eagles fell to the Racers in overtime, 91-89. ~~points~~

Despite an heroic comeback, ~~in the last 2:22 of regulation time~~ ~~when they trailed by nine~~ ~~points~~ ~~the~~ Eagles ~~and~~ dropped to third place in the Ohio Valley Conference when Murray sophomore Jim Young sank two free throws ~~in the~~ with nine seconds left ~~in the~~ ~~extra period.~~

The win ~~and~~ retained Murray's half-game hold on the ~~top~~ OVC top spot with a 10-2 conference mark. Morehead fell to 8-3, ~~and~~ ~~one~~ ~~second place~~ full game behind Western's 9-2. The Hilltoppers also won ~~Monday~~ night, trouncing ~~Morehead~~ Tennessee Tech, 98-54.

Morehead's fourth ~~overtime~~ overtime loss in four tries ~~and~~ added more drama to ~~Saturday's~~ ~~clash with Western at Laughlin~~ ~~Fieldhouse.~~ Saturday's 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles must ~~win~~ win before the expected sellout ~~crowd~~ crowd if they are to retain any hope of winning or tying for the OVC crown. Murray has two conference games left and two ~~wins~~ wins would eliminate Morehead. However, the Racers ~~still~~ still must face Western at Murray.

Following Western, Coach Bob Wright's cagers, now 16-7 for the season, March 1 face Tennessee Tech at home March 3 and travel to Johnson City ~~to meet~~ East Tennessee.

Monday night's crucial game was decided with both Murray and Morehead missing three regulars. The Eagles lost Lamar Green, Willie Jackson and Jerry Conley on ~~fouls~~ ~~during regulation~~ ~~and~~ ~~Murray had~~ ~~three starters~~ ~~hot shooting~~ ~~Claude Virden, Hector Blondett and Frank Streety - whistled out on personals.~~ ~~Time~~

The game apparently was sewed up for Murray with 2:22 to play in the second half with Morehead trailing 83-74. A ~~frantic~~ frantic, 57-second rally

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pulled the undermanned Eagles to within three, 83-80. Murray lost the ball ~~again~~ on a traveling call and Eagle guard Bobby Hiles cashed in two free throws to cut the margin in a single point with 40 seconds to play.

(Young, later to be Murray's hero, missed a bonus situation free throw and Morehead took the lead when Ron Gathright hit a follow shot. The 6-3 forward was ^{the brightest} ~~the one of the brightest~~ spot in the Eagle attack, garnering 23 points for the night.

(Danny Cornett upped the MSU margin to two with a free throw at ~~the~~ ^{Romani} the 23-second mark but Murray's Ron ~~Johnson~~ tied it with a ~~triple~~ layup with nine seconds left. Cornett sank a desperation heave at the buzzer but the officials ruled it came too late.

(The hectic overtime saw Morehead grab two leads, 87-85 and 89-87, but Murray's Ron Johnson knotted the score at 89 with a layup at the 1:52 mark. Hiles and Cornett held the ball until the 15-second mark but center Jerry Umberger bobbled a pass and Murray recovered. Gathright went for the ball ~~fouled~~ ^{fouled} Young. ~~and~~ ~~and~~ The rest is history.

(Morehead hurried for a last-second shot but guard Randy Williams walked trying to get it away.

(Besides Gathright's 23, Cornett added 19 for the Eagles with some clutch outside shooting. Jackson had 13 and Green, 12.

(Virden led the Racers with 32. Young picked up 14 and Jim Stocks and Johnson each added 12.

(Murray's season mark climbed to 20-4.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 18--Saturday night's all-important Ohio Valley Conference clash between Morehead State University and Western Kentucky University at Morehead is a virtual sellout with all reserved seats having been sold for over a month.

Ival Bryant, ticket manager, announced today that a maximum of 300 general admission tickets will go on sale at the fieldhouse box office at 6:00 p. m. Saturday evening.

"There is a possibility that we will place a few more general admission tickets on sale at 7:15 if students have not filled all of the seats," said Bryant, "but it is doubtful if this will occur."

The clash between the two OVC powers could well decide who goes to the NCAA tournament or the National Invitational tournament.

"With so much riding on the game, we have had calls from throughout the state and from numerous surrounding states wanting tickets," said Bryant. "But as much as we have disliked doing so, we have had to say no as the fieldhouse holds only 5,000 and we have more students than that."

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 18--Morehead State University's basketball Eagles won two games last week but slipped to third in national scoring average as Purdue and North Carolina recorded impressive totals.

The MSU cagers are averaging 91.7 points per game, according to official NCAA statistics. Purdue is No. 1 at 92.8.

Leaping Lamar Green, 6-7 forward and Morehead's leading rebounder, climbed to seventh in rebound average with an even 17. The Eagles' team average of 60 is second nationally behind OVC foe Middle Tennessee.

In defeating Middle Tennessee last week, Coach Bob Wright's squad had a 88-46 rebound advantage.

Morehead has been the nation's highest scoring major college team most of this season.

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MOREHEAD, KY., Feb. 19 --- Morehead State University's chances of either winning or tying for the Ohio Valley Conference title will be resting on Saturday night's home basketball game with Western Kentucky.

Currently in third place in the conference after Monday's 91-89 overtime loss to league-leading Murray State, Morehead is in third place in the OVC with an 8-3 mark. Western Kentucky is 9-2, and Murray is 10-2.

A Morehead win would place Bob Wright's hardluck Eagles in a tie with Western Kentucky for second place. Morehead has two remaining conference games-- with Tennessee Tech at Morehead on March 1 and at East Tennessee on March 3.

If Morehead can go undefeated in its three OVC tilts and Western Kentucky can defeat Murray State at Murray March 1, the conference race could end in a three-way tie among Murray, Western and Morehead.

Morehead Coach Bob Wright is hoping that such a situation can occur, but he says that the Eagles will take one game at a time, hoping for the best.

Murray State's schedule is the most favorable of the top three teams, since Cal Luther's Racers have only to play at East Tennessee Saturday night and to face Western Kentucky at home March 1.

On the other hand, Western's three OVC games are all on the road---at Morehead Saturday, at Murray March 1, and at Austin Peay March 3.

Wright has run his squad through some grueling workouts since returning from Murray early Tuesday. Physically, the Eagles are in the best shape that they have been in for several games, with the exception of star rebounder Lamar Green.

The 6-7 Green suffered a severely sprained ankle in practice Tuesday, and he will probably miss some practice sessions this week, Wright said. Green has raised his conference-leading rebounding average to 18.3 by pulling down 113 rebounds in his last six appearances.

Green, 6-7 Willie (Hobo) Jackson, and 6-3 Ron Gathright hope to stop Western's tall front line, led by 7-footer Jim McDaniels. The forwards for Western will probably be selected from 6-8 Clarence Glover, 6-8 Wayne Bright, and 6-4 Jerome Perry, who has been slowed with a shoulder injury.

The Eagles are out to revenge an 87-36 overtime loss on Western's home court earlier in the season. "It sure would be nice to win a game in overtime," said Wright, whose Eagles have lost all three OVC tilts in overtime.

"But," Wright added quickly, "we hope the Western game doesn't have to go into overtime."

Game time is 7:30, and a sellout crowd is expected. All reserved tickets have been sold since before Christmas.

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MOREHEAD, Ky. ---- A nervous Lamar Green sank a free throw with three seconds remaining in the game to give Morehead State University a 78-77 basketball victory over Western Kentucky at Laughlin Fieldhouse Saturday.

The victory placed Western and Morehead in a tie for second place in the tight Ohio Valley Conference race. Both teams have 9-3 conference records, while Murray State leads the OVC with a 10-3 mark. Western and Murray collide at Murray Saturday night.

If Morehead can win its two remaining conference games---against Tennessee Tech here Saturday and at East Tennessee Monday---it will tie for a share of the OVC championship. The only possible way for Morehead to gain undisputed possession of first place would be for Western to defeat Murray Saturday and then lose to lowly Austin Peay on Monday.

After holding a thin 39-37 halftime lead, the Eagles pounced upon every opportunity to score in the second half, and with 17:16 left in the half, Morehead led 50-40.

But Morehead apparently didn't want to win the game easily as they allowed the Hilltoppers to score the next 12 points to take a 52-50 lead.

The game was then nip and tuck until Morehead, leading by three points, was assessed with a technical foul because a fan hit referee John McPherson with a cup of ice.

Morehead held a 77-74 lead with 45 seconds remaining when Jerry Conley fouled Western's Jerome Perry, who connected on the bonus situation and technical foul to tie the score.

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Western retained possession of the ball, but seven-foot Jim McDaniels threw the ball to Green instead of a Western player. Morehead held the ball for one shot, and as Green was taking it with three seconds showing on the clock, Clarence Clover fouled him.

Green, who has hit only 48.4 per cent of his free throws, missed the first of two attempts, but Western called time out, giving Coach Bob Wright an opportunity to calm the jittery Green.

The 6-7 senior from Birmingham, Ala., watched nervously as his shot barely reached the basket. "I thought I was going to be the bum of the night," he said.

When Western failed to get the ball in bounds, more than 5,500 fans swarmed onto the floor.

Green, who sat out about 10 minutes of the second half with four fouls, scored seven points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Conley, who scored 17 points in the first half, was high point man, and Willie Jackson added 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Ron Gathright scored 16 markers, and guard Bobby Hiles added 10.

Morehead held the edge statistically as it outrebounded Western 50-41, outshot the Hilltoppers from the field 48.4 per cent to 41.7 per cent, and hit 72 per cent of its free throws, compared to Western's 63 per cent.

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Ashland, WLEX, WMOR, WMKY-FM

Morehead, KY., Feb. 21-----^{This is} ~~Feb~~ "Beat Western Week" at Morehead State University.

~~The campus is electric with excitement~~
Hats, signs, posters, buttons, and ~~and~~ crepe paper shakers all ^{proclaim} ~~proclaim~~ "Go, Eagles! Beat Western."

Why all the excitement? Morehead's Eagles, currently in third place in the Ohio Valley Conference race with an 8-3 record, will host OVC rival Western Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, and the Eagles are out for revenge.

Western Kentucky edged Morehead 87-86 in a disputed overtime decision earlier in the season in ~~the~~ Western's Diddle Arena. Since then Western has slipped to second place in the OVC race behind league-leading Murray, overtime victor over Morehead Monday night.

If Morehead can defeat the ~~the~~ Hilltoppers, and the Hilltoppers in turn defeat Murray on March 1 at Murray, the OVC race could possibly end in a three-way tie.

Morehead students, realizing the importance of Saturday's upcoming encounter, are doing ~~more~~ almost everything to boost the Eagles' spirits. Organizations are selling ~~more~~ campaign buttons with the Morehead team picture, shakers with the Eagles' blue and gold colors, and hats inscribed "Go, Eagles. Beat Western."

The most prolific salesman of the lot is possibly Willie (Hobo) Jackson, Morehead's 6-7 senior center. As a member of the M Club for varsity lettermen,

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Hobo has personally sold about 200 hats to fellow students.

"Hobo grabs you by the arm," said one dean kiddingly, "and he tightens or releases his grip, depending on whether or not you buy a hat. He's the best salesman on campus."

When he isn't selling ~~his~~ hats or attending classes, Jackson practices with the Morehead team, which is busily preparing for the Saturday game.

"We are only taking the games one at a time," said Coach Bob Wright, "and this Western game is the one that really counts this week."

Lamar Green, Morehead's sensational rebounder, ~~whose sprained ankle has kept him out of action~~ has been an interested spectator at recent Eagle scrimmages. Green suffered a badly sprained ankle Tuesday and has had to miss a lot of practice this week.

"It was my first sprained ankle since my high school days," Green said. "I'm just hoping ~~the~~ all the swelling is gone by Saturday night so I can have a go at the boards."

Except for Green's injured ankle and Bobby Hiles' one-day bout with the flu, the Eagles are in good physical condition. # "Overall, most of our players are healthier than they have been all year," Wright said. He expressed regret for Green's sprained ankle, but said, "If at all possible, ^{Lamar} ~~Green~~ will be in the lineup, because you can't keep a good man down. Lamar's a real competitor."

Green is leading the conference in rebounding with an average of 18.3 per game. Jackson's rebound average ~~is~~ is 11.9, and ⁶⁻³ Ron Gathright's is 10.3.

Morehead's front line will be trying to stop a much taller Western unit, led by sophomore giant Jim McDaniels, a seven-footer with a 12.6 rebound average. He probably will be flanked by 6-7 ^{Glover} Clarence and either 6-8 Wayne Bright or 6-4 Jerome Perry.

Statistically, Morehead has the edge in both scoring and rebounding with marks of 91.5 and 59.8, respectively. Western, on the other hand, is averaging 79

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 24--Morehead State University's Eagles, flying a little higher following a 78-77 victory over rival Western Kentucky Saturday, will collide with the Dayton Flyers Wednesday night at Dayton.

Defending National Invitational Tournament champions, Dayton will be seeking its 20th win of the season against five losses. One Dayton loss was a 70-65 decision to Western Kentucky at Dayton on Jan. 20.

Morehead will be trying for victory No. 17, compared with seven losses. Both teams have a chance of receiving bids to the NIT tournament, and Morehead is still in the running for the Ohio Valley Conference title and a trip to the NCAA playoffs.

Coach Don Donoher's taller Dayton squad features a balanced scoring attack spearheaded by 6-6 senior forward Dan Sadlier, who is averaging over 18 points a game. At the other forward position is Ken May, the 6-5 younger brother of All-American Don May. The younger May is averaging more than 10 points and seven rebounds a game in his sophomore season.

Other starters averaging in double figures include 6-10 center Dan Obrovac with an average of almost 13 points a contest, and 6-2 guard Jim Gottschall with nearly a 12-points-per-game mark. Six-foot sophomore Steve Turnwald will probably be Dayton's fifth starter.

All of the Morehead starters are averaging in double figures as the Eagles' average continues to be among the tops in the nation at 90.9 points per game. Jerry Conley, a 6-2 guard, leads the balanced attack with an average of 17.2 per game, closely followed by 6-7 Willie Jackson's 16.9 mark. Lamar Green, the OVC's top rebounder with an average of 18.1 per game, is averaging 15 points a

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game, and 6-3 forward Ron Gathright has raised his point average to 12.9 a game. Playmaking guard Bobby Hiles is averaging 10.5, and sixth man Danny Cornett, 8.5.

Morehead's rebound average of 59.3 remains second best in the conference and the nation, behind Middle Tennessee. Jackson is averaging 12 rebounds a tilt, and Gathright's average is 10.2, giving the Eagle starting front line a combined rebound average of over 40 rebounds a contest.

The loss to Western Kentucky is the only defeat suffered by the Flyers on their home court this season for a 12-1 record. Morehead, on the other hand, has split 12 road decisions.

A capacity crowd of 5,882 is expected to attend the next to the last game scheduled to be played in the present University of Dayton Fieldhouse. Game time will be 8:30 p. m.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 25---Host school University Breckinridge will play Menifee County in the opening game of the 61st District Basketball Tournament at 7:00 p. m. March 6 at Morehead State University.

University Breckinridge, coached by Dienzel Dennis, and Menifee County, coached by Joe Blankenship, are in the upper bracket, which also includes Ezel. The winner of the University Breckinridge-Menifee County contest will play Ezel in the semi-finals at 7:00 p. m. March 7.

In the lower bracket, Rowan County, coached by Warren Cooper, will tangle with Morgan County, coached by Charles Cain, at approximately 9:00 p. m. March 6, following the Menifee County-University Breckinridge game.

Bath County, which drew a bye, will play the Morgan County-Rowan County winner on March 7, following the upper bracket semi-final game. Julian Cunningham is the Bath County coach.

The district final will begin at 7:30 on March 8, and both the winner and runnerup will advance to the 16th Regional Tournament, also to be held at Morehead State University.

Admission will be \$1.00 for students and \$1.25 for adults. Doors will open at 5:30 p. m.

Rondal Hart, acting director of University Breckinridge School, is the district tournament manager.

Morehead scoring list. He averaged 14.9 points in 70 games. Twice he was honorable mention on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

A 6-2 guard from Jenkins, Ky., Conley finished his career with 996 points in 70 games, an average of 14.2. He was sidelined by the flu this season, completely missing one game and playing only one minute of another. Conley was an all-conference selection the past two seasons.

Green finished his three-year varsity career with 914 rebounds, an average of almost 13 per game. Over half of these, 483, were grabbed this season. Considered to be pro material, Green was a repeater on the All-OVC team selected by the coaches.

Also closing out three-year careers with the Eagles were 6-1 guard Cornett of Morehead and 5-10 guard Randy Williams of Ashland. Both men were valuable reserves, and Cornett was a part-time starter the past two years.

Returning from this year's starting five will be 6-3 strongman Ron Gathright, a junior forward from Louisville, and 6-2 playmaker Bobby Hiles, a guard from Maysville. Gathright averaged 12.7 points and 10.5 rebounds, while Hiles scored 9.5 points. Both men were All-State selections in high school.

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MOREHEAD, KY., March 10---Lamar Green and Jerry Conley of Morehead State University have been selected as repeaters on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team elected by the conference coaches.

In the balloting the coaches did not vote for their own players, and six players were unanimous selections: Green, Jim McDaniel of Western Kentucky, Harley Swift of East Tennessee, Claude Virden of Murray, Bobby Washington of Eastern Kentucky, and Howard Wright of Austin Peay.

Completing the 10-man squad were Conley, Hector Blondett of Murray, Willie Brown of Middle Tennessee, and Mike Kretzer of East Tennessee.

Green and Conley, who were instrumental in leading Morehead to an 11-3 conference record and co-championship of the OVC, were members of the team last season.

Averaging 18.1 rebounds a game, Green was the top rebounder in the conference and listed by the latest NCAA statistics as the fourth best rebounder nationally. He averaged 15.1 points while hitting 48.1 per cent of his field goal attempts. He is a 6-7 forward from Birmingham, Ala.

Conley, a 6-2 guard from Jenkins, Ky., averaged 16.6 points a game and hit 45.4 per cent of his field goal attempts, 10th best in the league.

Willie (Hobo) Jackson, Morehead's 6-7 senior center from Birmingham, Ala., was named honorable mention. He was also named honorable mention during his sophomore season. He averaged 16.9 points and 12.1 rebounds this year.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Kentucky, March 11 -- A trip to Louisville among the "Sweet Sixteen" faced one of eight high school basketball teams when play opened last night in the 16th Regional Tournament at Laughlin Fieldhouse.

Wurtland, winner of the 63rd District, carried its 20-8 season mark against Menifee County, 15-17 and runner-up in the 61st District, played here last week.

Sandy Hook, among the tournament's strongest entries and winner of the 62nd District, met Ashland Fairview, 64th runnerup, in the nightcap. The favored Lions were 30-5 on the year and Fairview's Eagles, 22-10.

Tonight's first round action sends mighty Ashland Paul Blazer, 21-8, and winner of the 64th, against McKell, 12-14 and runnerup in the 63rd, at 7 p.m. The second game at 8:45 p.m. pits Bath County, 21-7 and winner of the 61st, and Hitchins, 14-14 and runnerup in the 62nd.

Semi-final play Friday night matches the Wurtland-Menifee winner and the Ashland-McKell winner. Also, the Sandy Hook-Fairview winner faces the Bath County-Hitchins winner.

The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Officials are Bill Ring of Lexington, Harry Burke and E. B. May of Prestonsburg, and Doug Butcher of Meally. George Sadler is official timer and Randall Miller, official scorer. MSU Athletic Director Robert Laughlin is tournament manager.

Morehead State University is official host for the tournament.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, KY., March 11---Although he is only a freshman, Bob Abell of New Albany, Ind., has already set four Morehead State University swimming records and tied another one.

Abell's first record was set on Dec. 13 when he swam the 100-yard free style in 52.3 seconds. This mark established a new pool record for Morehead swimmers in Senff Natatorium.

The following day, Abell swam the 200-yard free style course in two minutes flat to set another Morehead record. On Feb. 15 he cut the time for that distance to 1:56:07. He recently swam 200 yards in 1:58 in the Kentucky Federation Meet, sixth best time in the event.

On Jan. 8, Abell swam the 500-yard freestyle in 5:43.8 to set a pool record, becoming the only Morehead swimmer to hold a Senff Natatorium record, as all other pool records are held by swimmers from opposing schools.

Swimming against Centre College at Danville, Abell set another Morehead mark on Jan. 22 when he swam the 50-yard free style in 23.5 seconds. Back in his home pool on Jan. 25, Abell tied the 60-yard freestyle record by clocking 29.1 seconds.

Abell's efforts helped Coach Bill Mack's team win four meets while losing four.

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"We are most pleased to have such an outstanding freshman as Abell," Coach Mack said. "We only wish we had several more swimmers of his caliber. He is the best freshman I've ever coached."

Abell is a 1968 graduate of New Albany High School.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

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Two teams of Wildcats -- Bath County and Menifee County -- survived the 61st District Tournament last week and advanced to the 16th Regional basketball eliminations this week at Laughlin Fieldhouse.

Bath County, as expected, copped the district crown with tow lopsided victories, drubbing Rowan County, 80-49, in semi-final play, and crushing Menifee, 90-48, in the championship game.

Menifee won two games to make the finals, edging University Breckinridge, 57-56, in the first round, and bombing Ezel, 82-31, in semi-final play.

In first round action Thursday night, Danny Clark's 18 points sparked Menifee past Breck. Jackie Adams led the Eaglets with 24. In the second game, Rowan County's Vikings bumped Morgan County, 66-64. Fred Cooper and Mike Abner led the victors with 19 each. Larry Bailey topped the losing Blue Devils with 24.

With Howard Clemons' 29 points leading the way, Bath County made short work of Rowan County in the semi-finals. Bath had drawn a first round bye as did Ezel. Fred Cooper, son of Rowan County Coach Warren Cooper, was the leading Viking scorer with 16. Menifee's semi-final destruction of hapless Ezel was sparked by Randy Peck's 22 points. Kelse Murphy led the Ezel squad with 11.

Billy Johnson's hot hand spurred Bath County into a quick and commanding lead in the final game. He led all scorers with 28 as the Wildcats of Coach Julian Cunningham jumped to a 42-20 halftime lead and were never threatened. Danny Clark paced the tunner-up Menifee Wildcats with 11.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 14--Although he has participated in only six college swimming meets, Bob Abell, a freshman at Morehead State University, has set four Morehead records and tied another one.

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Back in his home pool on January 25, Abell tied the 60-yard freestyle record by clocking 29.1 seconds.

Abell's efforts have helped lead Coach Bill Mack's team to three consecutive victories. The Abell-led unit will challenge Eastern Kentucky at Richmond Saturday.

"We are most pleased to have such an outstanding freshman as Abell," Coach Mack said. "We only wish we had several more swimmers of his caliber."

FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KY., March 15---Morehead State University's baseball team, hoping to improve over its 1968 record of 13-14 will open its season Wednesday, March 26, against Bellarmine College in Louisville.

The Eagles' home opener is scheduled for March 29 against highly regarded Ohio University.

Also on the schedule are home-and-home doubleheaders against Ohio Valley Conference Eastern Division foes Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, and Tennessee Tech. Morehead led the Eastern Division last year with a 6-4 record but lost to Middle Tennessee in the OVC playoff.

Returning as baseball coach after a two year absence is John (Sonny) Allen, who coached Morehead baseball from 1955 through 1958 and in 1966. Allen had been serving as freshman basketball coach and golf coach during his absence from the baseball coaching ranks.

"Since I only saw the team play twice last year, I will have to experiment during the first few games before I know how many of the players perform in competitive situations," Allen said.

Allen said he is quite satisfied with his pitching staff, where there is good overall depth. The returnees include All-OVC righthander Jim Martin, who pitched a no-hitter in the OVC playoff and posted a 5-3 record last season.

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Four lefthanders are returning from last year's staff-- John Lysien, Dan Dennis, Dave Stultz, and Jimmy Webb. Dennis struck out 21 men in 20 innings, and Lysien was the second most active pitcher behind Martin with 46 innings pitched.

Al Frazier, a part-time second baseman, is a returning right-handed relief pitcher. He won two games and lost one while striking out 13 men in 17 innings last season.

Newcomers on the mound staff are freshman lefthander Tommy Miller, transfer lefthander Mike Hasselbach, and junior righthander David Churchman, who is playing his first year of college baseball.

Some adjustments are being made in the infield, Allen said. Mike Punko, the only Eagle who played in all 27 games last year, will probably play third base. Punko led the team in home runs with five and runs batted in with 17 while batting .284.

The leading candidates for shortstop are Sam Daugherty, a returnee, and Don Sims, a freshman. Reese Stephenson, who hit .304 last season, will play either first or third base. If Stephenson plays third base, Punko will switch to center field and John Kieffner will play first.

Bruce Gentry, who batted .355 in 10 games last season, and Frazier, who hit .235, will probably divide the second base duties. Jim Daugherty, a ~~freshman~~ second baseman-shortstop, will be a utility infielder.

Leading outfield prospects are All-OVC outfielder Eddie Wallingford, Gary Paulin, Tim Dawson, and Kieffner.

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Wallingford hit .276 with three home runs last season. Paulin hit .271 and two home runs in semi-regular action, and Dawson saw action in only eight games.

"Our catching is sound with All-OVC catcher Steve Dunker behind the plate," Allen said. Dunker hit .280 in 25 games. Backing up Dunker will be Marty Finkelstein and freshman Bob Heinke.

"We will be working hard trying to improve our defensive infield play and get more men hitting for an average. Only one regular batted over .300 last season, and I would like to have four or five hitters batting .300," Allen said.

The complete baseball schedule follows:

March 26	Bellarmino College	(2)	A	1:00 PM
March 29	Ohio University	(2)	H	1:30 PM
March 31	McCallister College	(2)	H	1:30 PM
April 2	Centre College	(2)	A	
April 5	Eastern University	(2)	A	
April 8	Marshall University	(2)	H	1:00 PM
April 9	Centre College	(2)	H	1:00 PM
April 12	Bellarmino College	(2)	H	1:00 PM
April 16	Kentucky State	(2)	A	
April 17	Xavier University	(1)	A	
April 19	East Tennessee University	(2)	H	1:00 PM
April 21	West Virginia State College	(2)	H	1:30 PM
April 26	Tennessee Tech	(2)	A	
April 30	Kentucky State	(2)	H	1:30 PM
May 3	East Tennessee University	(2)	A	
May 7	Eastern University	(2)	H	1:30 PM
May 10	Tennessee Tech	(2)	H	1:00 PM
May 13	Marshall University	(2)	A	
May 15	Xavier University	(1)	H	3:00 PM

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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., March 15--Morehead State University's dynamic, rebounding duo of 6-7 Lamar Green and 6-7 Willie (Hobo) Jackson have been selected to play for the Kentucky team in the annual all-star games between Kentucky and Indiana seniors.

The games will be held in Freedom Hall, Louisville, on Friday, April 11, and in Finkle Field House in Indianapolis on Saturday, April 12.

Green, an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection for the second consecutive season, led the conference in rebounding with a regular season average of 18.1. The jumping jack from Birmingham, Ala., scored an average of 14.8 points per game and connected on almost 48 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Fourth best rebounder in the conference, Jackson averaged 12.1 rebounds and 16.9 points a game. He hit 48.2 per cent from the field, fifth best in the OVC. He was named honorable mention on the All-OVC unit and received the Morehead Varsity "M" Club award for being the "Outstanding Senior Athlete." Jackson is also from Birmingham.

Several professional teams have expressed interest in both Green and Jackson.

Guy Strong, who coached Eastern Kentucky University to a 13-9 record, will coach the Kentucky team. Johnny Dee of Notre Dame will coach the Indiana All-Stars.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., March 19 ---- Morehead State University's track team will open its 1969 11-meet season April 4 in the University of Kentucky Relays.

Hoping to improve over its mediocre record of last year, the Eagles are scheduled to compete in three relays, three triangular meets, and two dual meets, in addition to the Ohio Valley Conference meet, the U. S. Track and Field Federation Championship Meet, and the NCAA meet.

Morehead will enter the Ohio University Relays at Athens, Ohio, on April 12 and the Ohio State Relays at Columbus, Ohio, on April 19.

Triangular meets are scheduled at Frankfort on April 7 against Kentucky State and West Virginia State; at Morehead on April 23 against the University of Cincinnati and Marshall University; and at Morehead on May 9 against Kentucky State and Eastern Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky will meet the Eagles in a dual meet at Morehead on April 29, and the Ohio University squad will visit Morehead on May 7.

"This will be another rebuilding year for Morehead," said Coach Marshall Banks. "We have Dennis Hersey, who finished fifth in the 100-yard dash and second in the 220 in the OVC last year, returning. Also we have Phil Hardin, who ran a 4:13 mile."

Banks expressed high hopes for high jumper Dave Neely, a freshman from Dayton, Ohio. The mile and three-mile distance runners will be led by Hardin and cross-country runner Mike Price.

Two Morehead football players, All-OVC tackle Dave Haverdick and defensive back Jim Bayes, will compete with the team, Banks said. Haverdick will be a shot putter and Bayes will compete in the 440 immediate hurdles.

Banks said that he hopes the competition in the relays will help prepare the team for the tough OVC meet. "We are wishing to finish better than our eighth place finish of last season, which was our worst since 1963."

Banks, a former Morehead track star, is in his fourth season as the Eagle track and cross country coach.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., March 19---Jerry Conley and Lamar Green of Morehead State University have been selected to compete in the Kentucky-Tennessee basketball all-star game in Nashville, Tenn., Monday, March 24.

Seniors from Kentucky will challenge seniors from Tennessee in a benefit game to be played in the Nashville Municipal Fieldhouse.

Conley, a 6'2" guard from Jenkins, Ky., averaged 16.5 points a game for the Eagles' OVC co-champions. He was tenth in both scoring and shooting percentage in the OVC. He completely missed one game and played only one minute of another while hampered with the flu.

A 6'7" forward from Birmingham, Ala., Green led the conference in rebounding with a regular season average of 18.1. He averaged 14.8 points a contest and hit 48 per cent of his field goal attempts, sixth best accuracy mark in the OVC.

Both men were named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team for the second consecutive year and both were named to the all-tournament team of the Citrus Classic.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., March 22 --- Jim Fisher, a 240-pound tackle from Morehead State University, has signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals. He will report to their practice session in July.

A second team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, Fisher said that the Bengals will use him as a linebacker because of his height. He is 6'2. He was named Ohio Valley Conference player of the week once last year.

He played high school football at Greenbrier Military School in West Virginia.

"If Jim tries his hardest and reports in good physical shape, we feel he has the potential to play pro football," says Morehead State University coach Jake Hallum.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., March 24 --- Eighty hopefuls were on hand today as Coach Jake Hallum's Morehead State University Eagles began spring football practice.

"Our men have been looking forward to spring practice, and their enthusiasm is very high. The overall attitude is just great," Hallum said.

"We will work primarily on fundamentals during the first week," the coach said. "Our purpose will be to develop depth and to try to fill the gaps created by the graduation of eight seniors."

Gone from the offensive unit are All-Ohio Valley Conference tight end Paul Hicks, tackle-guard Dave Moore, tackle Terry Hoffman, and fullbacks Otto Gsell and Mike Mincey. Defensive starters Leon Wesley, an All-OVC safety; defensive back Charlie Burnett, and All-OVC tackle Jim Fisher were also seniors.

In efforts to develop replacements to plug these gaps, Hallum will be using some players on both offense and defense. These include Harry (Sugar Bear) Lyles, who will operate as a fullback and linebacker in practice; Larry Baldrige, who will work as an offensive wingback and defensive back; and Doug Moore, who will be tried as a fullback and defensive monster.

Three players are already injured before practice even starts. All-OVC tackle Dave Haverdick, offensive center Steve Ward, and wingback Mike Martin all have pulled groin muscles.

Tough luck continues to plague guard Cecil (Buddy) Harrison, who sat out part of last season with a broken arm. The 190-pound sophomore now has mono-nucleosis, Hallum said.

The Eagles will practice five times weekly, with the exception of April 5-12, spring vacation time at Morehead State University. The spring intrasquad game is tentatively scheduled for April 25, Hallum said.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., March 27 --- "We are hoping to win at least one tournament, and we have a good shot at winning the Ohio Valley Conference title," first-year golf coach Ed Bignon of Morehead State University said today.

Bignon's young team's schedule includes five tournaments and two dual meets. The Eagles open the season April 1 in the Cape Coral Invitational in Florida.

Other tournaments include the Mid-American Tournament at Huntington, W. Va., April 25-26; the Murray Invitational at Gilbertsville, May 2-3; the Mid-South Classic at Austin Peay, May 9-10; and the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at Bowling Green, May 16-17.

Also on the schedule are dual matches with Centre College. Morehead will play at Centre on April 8, and the return match is set for April 12 on the Morehead State University Golf Course.

Returning from last year's squad, which finished last in the conference, are Bruce Walters from Pikeville and Butch Van Beversluys from Mt. Clemens, Mich. The lone senior on the team, Walters will be the No. 3 man. Van Beversluys, a sophomore who had the lowest average on the team in 1968, will be No. 4. Walters averaged 73 last year, while Van Beversluys shot 72 a game.

Bill Spannuth and Bobby Williams, who were teammates on the Anderson High School team which won the Indiana state championship three of the last four years, are welcome additions to the team. Spannuth, who

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shot a 60 at the Anderson Country Club last summer, will be the No. 1 man, and Williams will be No. 5.

Junior college transfer Gary Arnold, an All-American selection in the NCAA junior college division last year, will be the second man. Arnold, who played at Clearwater Junior College, shoots between 70 and 72, Bignon said.

Bill Buckner, a sophomore from Cedartown, Ga., won a five-man playoff for sixth place on the team by shooting a two-under-par 70 at the Mt. Sterling Country Club. Buckner gave up his football scholarship in order to try out for the golf team. A quarterback, Buckner was sidelined last season with a broken collar bone.

Before coming to Morehead, Bignon was an assistant to Bill Meyer, Jr., at the Midland Trail Country Club in Louisville. He supervises the nine-hole Morehead State University Golf Course, the only golf course in the state owned and operated by a state university.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 8--Hoping to extend its undefeated winning streak to seven meets, Morehead State University's tennis team will begin its Ohio Valley Conference competition Friday at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Winners of their first four matches, Coach George Sadler's charges will meet Middle Tennessee State University on Thursday and Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky University on Friday.

In matches thus far, Morehead has defeated Campbellsville College 9-0; University of Louisville twice, 8-1 and 7-2; and Xavier University 8-1. Two meetings with Eastern Kentucky have been rained out.

In other spring sports at Morehead, all the other athletic teams will be in competition next week. The busiest team will be the baseball squad, which is scheduled to play seven home games in five days. The Eagles host Marshall University for a doubleheader Tuesday, Centre College for three games on Wednesday, and Bellarmine for a doubleheader on Saturday.

Coach Marshall Banks' track team will compete in a triangular meet with Kentucky State and West Virginia State at Frankfort Monday. On Saturday, the Eagles will run in the Ohio University Relays at Athens, Ohio.

The Morehead golf team will exchange matches with Centre College, with Morehead going to Centre Tuesday and Centre playing on the University course at Morehead Saturday.

In non-spring sports action, Morehead's pair of 6-7 senior rebounders, Lamar Green and Willie (Hobo) Jackson, will participate as members of the Kentucky team in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Basketball Games at Louisville Friday and at Indianapolis Saturday.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 9 ---- The final NCAA basketball statistics show Morehead State University among the leaders in four categories.

The Eagles finished third in rebounding with 1583 total rebounds for an average of 58.6 a game. Ohio Valley Conference rival Middle Tennessee and St. Francis of Pennsylvania, were the only teams ahead of Morehead.

After leading the nation in scoring for much of the season, Morehead finished ninth in team offense with an average of 88.6 points a game. Purdue was the leader with an average of 93.0.

In the average scoring margin over all opponents category, Morehead placed 20th with a winning margin of 9.7 points. UCLA led this category with an average margin of 20.9.

Morehead's 6-7 senior forward Lamar Green was third in rebound average. His 17.9 mark was topped only by Spencer Haywood with 21.5 a game and Lewis of St. Francis with 20.6 a game. Green's single game high of 30 rebounds compared favorably to Haywood's high of 32, tops in the nation.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 9 --- Freshman Bill Spannuth of Morehead State shot a 72-hole total of 296 to finish eighth in the Gulf of America Invitational Golf Tournament at Cape Coral, Fla., April 2-5.

Spannuth, who was a member of the Anderson High School team that won the Indiana state championship three of the past four years, fired 77, 72, 76, and 71 to lead his team to 10th place in the 44-team tournament.

On the final day of play, Spannuth's 71 was the second lowest round in the tournament. Six players shot for Morehead, with the four lowest individual scores counting toward the day's total. Spannuth was the only Morehead player whose score was counted each day.

Gary Arnold was second low for Morehead with a total of 309, which included scores of 73 and 75. Bob Williams fired 313, including scores of 75, 77, and 78.

Bill Buckner and Butch Van Beversluys each fired 321, and Buckner's total included a 74 third round. Bruce Walters shot a four-day total of 333.

The team's four-day total of 1228 included daily scores of 315, 296, 307, and 310.

The team's next match is at home against Centre College Saturday.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., April 21 --- Bill Spennuth, a freshman from Anderson, Ind., fired a 65 to set a new course record at the Morehead State University Golf Course and lead Morehead to a 282-314 victory over Bellarmine-Ursuline College Saturday.

Six players shot for each team, with the top four scores being counted. Other scores for Morehead were: Bobby Williams, 71; Gary Arnold, 72; Bill Buckner, 74; Butch Van Beversluys, 75; and Bruce Walters, 78.

Mike Just was low man for Bellarmine-Ursuline with a 76. Other scores for Bellarmine-Ursuline were: Art Henry, 77; Don Baron, 79; Dan Albers, 82; Don Schewierman, 83; and Dick DeSanctis, 84.

The victory gives Morehead an undefeated 3-0 record in dual meets. The team will participate in the Mid-American Invitational Tournament at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., Friday and Saturday.

Spennuth's new record replaces the record of 66 set by Walters and Van Beversluys last season.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 23 --- "We will be hoping to bring home some trophies," said Morehead State University golf coach Ed Bignon about his team's chances in the Mid-American Invitational Tournament at Marshall University.

"If our players are up to par, we should have a good chance of finishing high in the tournament, both individually and as a team," said Bignon, whose team is the only undefeated Morehead sports team in dual meets.

Freshman Bill Spannuth fired a five-under-par 65 to set a new course record as the Eagles ran their undefeated mark to 3-0 by defeating Bellarmine-Ursuline College 282-314 on the University Course Saturday.

In other spring sports action, the tennis team defeated the University of Dayton 9-0, as the Morehead team lost only three games. The win pushed the team's record to 6-1. On May 2-3, Morehead hosts Western Kentucky and Murray State in a three-way meet.

Coach Sonny Allen's baseball squad was not quite so successful as the other teams, as it lost its first game, 3-2, at Xavier University Thursday.

The baseballers split a doubleheader with West Virginia State here Monday. The Eagles won the first one 5-3 and lost the second 17-5 to give them a 2-2 record. The Eagles travel to Tennessee Tech for a doubleheader Saturday.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 24 --- Morehead State University's baseball team, rained out of four previously scheduled conference games, will plunge deeply into its Ohio Valley Conference schedule tomorrow (Friday) if the weather will cooperate.

The Eagles, who own a 9-2 non-conference mark, will host Eastern Division rivals East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech for doubleheaders Friday and Saturday, respectively. The games will begin at 1:30 p.m.

While East Tennessee is playing at Morehead Friday, Tennessee Tech will be visiting Eastern Kentucky. The teams will exchange opponents on Saturday.

Continuing its OVC battle, Morehead will travel to Eastern Kentucky for a doubleheader Tuesday. Coach Sonny Allen's Eagles will host non-conference foe Kentucky State for a twinbill on Wednesday before going to Tennessee Tech on Saturday, May 3.

All-conference center fielder Eddie Wallingford, a sophomore, is leading the Morehead team in five batting categories. His 16 hits, four doubles, four home runs, 16 runs batted in, and .552 batting average are all top marks on the team.

Other regulars hitting over .400 are outfielder John Keiffner, .441; first baseman Reese Stephenson, .419; and third sacker Mike Punko, .406.

Lefty John Lysien tops the pitching staff with a 2-0 won-lost record, and he has not allowed an earned run in 8 1/3 innings. Lefthander Dan Dennis leads the team in strikeouts with 20.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 24 --- Morehead State University took first place in nine events to defeat Marshall University 79-62 in a dual track meet here Wednesday afternoon.

Bill Scherdein of Morehead won two events---the long jump with a 20' 11" effort and the triple jump with a distance of 42' 6". Football player Clint Walker of Morehead finished third in both events.

Four Morehead two-sport athletes won their events in Wednesday's meet. They are Dave Haverdick, All-Ohio Valley Conference football tackle, winner of the shot put with a distance of 46' 9"; basketball forward Don Byars, who won the high hurdles with a 15.2 time; halfback Jim Bayes, winner of the 440 hurdles in 56.3 seconds; and linebacker Tom Lehman, who won the discus throw with a distance of 127'.

Other Morehead winners were: Dave Neely, who high jumped 6' 4"; Dennis Hursey, who ran the 100-yard in 10 seconds flat; and the Morehead 440 relay team.

The meet gives Morehead a 1-0 record in dual meets. The Eagles of Coach Marshall Banks will host Eastern Kentucky for a dual meet at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., April ~~24~~ Bill D. Harrell, assistant basketball coach at the University of Nebraska, has been named head basketball coach at Morehead State University.

Harrell, one of the most successful coaches in the annals of Kentucky high school basketball, will assume his duties within the next few weeks. He has been at the University of Nebraska for two years following an 11-year high school stint during which time he won 244 games and lost only 82, captured the Kentucky state championship while at Shelby County in 1966, and was named "Coach of the Year" in Kentucky in 1965 and 1966.

"With the fine basketball tradition which Morehead State University has established," Harrell said, "I am indeed very fortunate to have the opportunity to accept this most challenging position."

He added, "My lifelong ambition has been to become a major college coach and now that I have that opportunity I will devote my every waking moment to being a successful coach."

The 40-year-old is a native of Pike County and holds the AB degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College and the MA degree from the University of Kentucky. He began his coaching career at Belfry High School in 1952 and moved to Berea High School in 1954. From 1955 to 1960 he was director of campus activities at the Methodist Home in Versailles and returned to coaching in 1960 when he took the Shelby County job.

"Coach Harrell is one of the finest young basketball minds in the game today and meets every criteria we sought when we began our search for a new head basketball coach," said Dr. Roscoe Playforth, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Athletics.

The Faculty Committee on Athletics announced Harrell's appointment ~~on~~ *(Wednesday)* following the unanimous recommendation of a four-man joint committee made up of representatives of the Athletic Committee and the Administrative Council. Members of the joint committee, who were named following Dr. Wright's request to be granted a sabbatical leave to begin work on the doctorate, were Dr. Playforth; Bob L. L. Athletic Director; Dr. Ad. Doran, President; and Dr. Ray Hornback, Vice President for University Affairs.

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President Doran said, "A large number of distinguished coaches indicated an interest in the position as Head Basketball Coach at Morehead State University. It was extremely difficult to choose among these outstanding individuals."

"However, in selecting Mr. Harrell," Dr. Doran added, "I think the Athletic Committee made a sound and wise judgment. I shall recommend that the Board of Regents approve the selection of Mr. Harrell to begin his duties on May 1."

Dr. Doran said, "Bill Harrell is one of the most successful coaches in Kentucky and the Nation. His training and experience will add greatly to the sound program of athletics at Morehead."

Laughlin calls Harrell "A likely choice for the position who has been a highly successful high school coach and has gained valuable experience in the college ranks while at the University of Nebraska. We are excited about his acceptance of this position and look forward to working closely with him in the days ahead."

Harrell's freshman team at the University of Nebraska had a 9-3 record this year and the native Kentuckian had an opportunity to establish numerous contacts throughout the midwest and south as a result of his recruiting activities.

Harrell is the author of "Championship Tested Offensive and Defensive Basketball Strategy" published in 1965 and coached the United States All Star team in the Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh in 1966.

He is married to the former Gloria Jean Seale of Ravenna and they have a 14-year-old daughter, Peggy Lynn. He is a Methodist and has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 25---Four Morehead State University baseball players were listed among the batting leaders in the latest NCAA college-division statistics.

Rightfielder John Keiffner, a righthanded hitting senior from Louisville, was second in the nation in batting with a .546 mark. He was also eighth in runs batted in with 11 or an average of 1.38 per game.

Eddie Wallingford, a sophomore centerfielder from Peebles, Ohio, was tied for second in home runs per game average with a .38 average, having hit three home runs in eight games. The All-Ohio Valley Conference outfielder was 11th in runs batted in.

Mike Punko, a senior third baseman from Rahway, N. J., was tied with Wallingford for second in home run average, and sophomore first baseman Reese Stephenson, from South Portsmouth, Ky., was seventh in batting with .478.

The Morehead team has compiled a 9-2 record entering Friday's conference doubleheader with East Tennessee. The Eagles hosted OVC foe Tennessee Tech in a doubleheader Saturday and travel to Eastern Kentucky for a twinbill Tuesday.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 28---The Morehead State University tennis team, hoping to up its 6-1 won-lost record, will host Ohio Valley Conference foes Western Kentucky and Murray State, Friday and Saturday, May 2-3.

Morehead, coached by George Sadler, has defeated Austin Peay and lost to Middle Tennessee in conference meets.

Regular season matches with conference foes will be counted toward the championship for the first time this season. Previously, the title was determined solely by the league tournament.

Points won during the regular season will be added to those won in the OVC tournament to determine the championship. The tournament is set for May 16-17 at Bowling Green.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., April 28---Morehead State University's baseball team ran its record to 12-3 overall and 3-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference by blasting Tennessee Tech in a doubleheader here Saturday.

The Eagles capitalized on seven hits to outscore the Golden Eagles 12-4 in the opener, although Tennessee Tech also rapped seven hits. Lefty Danny Dennis went the distance in posting his first victory. Mike Funko aided the Morehead cause with a three-run homer in the first inning.

Morehead outhit Tennessee Tech 11-6 in the second game as the Eagles won 13-2. Lefthander Mike Hasselbach blanked the Golden Eagles for five innings before giving up two runs in the sixth. Gary Paulin's three-run homer was the big blast in Morehead's six-run first inning.

Hasselbach, a freshman from Cincinnati, became the first Morehead pitcher to win three games this season as he ran his record to 3-0.

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The Eagles play two games at Eastern Kentucky Tuesday and host Kentucky State for a twin bill on Wednesday. They travel to East Tennessee for a Saturday doubleheader.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., April 28---Freshman Bill Spannuth of Morehead State University finished eighth in the Mid-American Invitational golf meet at Marshall University Friday and Saturday.

Spannuth's 54-hole total was 226, nine strokes behind individual winner Slugger White of Ohio University. Spannuth fired 76, 73, and 77 in his three rounds.

The Morehead team also finished eighth in the 12-team field with a score of 1171, compared to Ohio University's winning mark of 1130.

Gary Arnold fired 230, Butch Van Beversluys, 238, and Bruce Walters, 239, to round out the top four for Morehead. Bill Buckner shot 242, and Bobby Williams fired 245.

Spannuth's 73 on the second round was the third lowest score of the round.

The Morehead golfers will compete in the Murray State Invitational at Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville, on Friday and Saturday.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., April 28---Morehead State University will be seeking its second dual track meet victory when it hosts Eastern Kentucky Tuesday.

Coach Marshall Banks' team has defeated Marshall University 79-62 in its only dual meet this season. Saturday's dual meet with Ohio University was postponed, and a series of time trials were run by the Morehead trackmen. High jumper Dave Neely jumped 6'8" to better his old mark by four inches.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 28 --- "Overall enthusiasm and a willingness to work have been the high notes of spring practice thus far," Morehead State University head football coach Jake Hallum said today.

Hallum said, "At this point, the defense is quite a bit ahead of the offense, but that was what the coaches had expected. We got a good effort from both our defensive backfield and our defensive line in Saturday's scrimmage."

The offense scrimmaged the defense in Saturday's practice, and the defense, living up to Hallum's predictions, defeated the offense 6-0 on a recovered fumble. Defensive back Buddy Castle, a junior from Russell, caught a fumble by tailback Louis Rogan while it was still in the air and carried it back for the touchdown.

"We have only practiced about eight full sessions," said Hallum. "We spent three days on fundamentals and the past week on defensive and offensive alignments. We are hoping to receive cooperation from the weather in order to get in our 20 days practice by May 13."

May 13 is an important date for Hallum, who is beginning his second season as Morehead coach. That is the tentative date for the annual Blue-White Spring Game.

Before May 13, Hallum and his assistants have a lot of shuffling and re-shuffling to do. They have already started shuffling, moving defensive end Clint Walker and defensive monster Doug Moore to fullback to fill the gap created by the graduation of Otto Gsell and Mike Mincey.

Other changes include the moving of offensive back Larry Baldridge to the defensive backfield, where All-Conference safety Leon Wesley was lost through graduation. Larry Johnson, who started several games as defensive nose guard last year, will be moved to an offensive guard spot.

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"Wesley, the fullbacks, tackle Jim Fisher, guard Dave Moore, and tight end Marvin Hicks will all be missed," the coach said. Wesley and Hicks were on the All-Ohio Valley Conference first team, and Moore and Fisher were second team selections. Rogan and 240-pound defensive tackle Dave Haverdick were also All-OVC selections.

John Slaughter, a 270-pounder, is a prime candidate to move into Fisher's slot as defensive tackle to team with Little All-American candidate Haverdick. Gary Shirk and Doug Henwood are vying for Hicks' position, and Butch McCormick is the top candidate to replace Moore.

Hallum said that his quarterbacking situation has been a "pleasant surprise." Veteran Bill Marston is being challenged for his starting job by George Malone, his backup quarterback last season, redshirt Steve Hale, and Buck Donely, a transfer from Wilmington College.

"We have been working extremely hard on our passing game and offensive line," Hallum said.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., April 30 --- Girls from 14 high schools are expected to compete in the Class AA Regional Girls' Track Meet at Morehead State University at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Each school may have two entries in each event, and each girl may compete in three of 15 different events. The events are: 50-yard dash, 75-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220, 440, 880, 50-yard hurdles, 70-yard hurdles, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, and 880-yard medley relay.

The winner in each event will advance to the state meet in Lexington on May 17.

Schools tentatively scheduled to compete are: Ashland Paul Blazer, Bath County, Boyd County, Elkhorn City, Fleming County, Johnson Central, Louisa, Mason County, Montgomery County, Paintsville, Prichard, Rowan County, University Breckinridge, and Wurtland.

Dr. Nan Ward and Laradene Brown of the Morehead State University physical education faculty are co-managers of the meet. Officials for the meet will be women's physical education faculty members and 50 female physical education majors.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., May 5 --- Morehead State University's spring sports teams did not fare so well in action over the weekend as the baseball squad split a doubleheader, the tennis team lost two meets, and the golf team finished fifth in the Murray Invitational Golf Tournament.

Coach Sonny Allen's baseball Eagles lost their second Ohio Valley Conference game of the season as they were blanked by East Tennessee 4-0 in the second game of a Saturday doubleheader. The Eagles won the first game 11-2. The shut-out was the first against Morehead this season.

The twinbill split gives the Eagles a 6-2 OVC-leading conference mark and a 17-4 overall record. Both OVC losses have been to East Tennessee. Morehead hosts Eastern Kentucky for two games Wednesday and travels to Tennessee Tech for a Saturday doubleheader.

The Morehead tennis team lost to Murray State 5-4 Friday afternoon and to Western Kentucky 9-0 Saturday at Morehead. In another game at Morehead Saturday, Eastern Kentucky defeated Murray State 5-4.

Morehead's tennis record is now 1-3 in the OVC and 7-3 overall. George Sadler's squad plays at Xavier University today and challenges Eastern Kentucky at Lexington Tuesday. The Eagles will play against Tennessee Tech and East Tennessee at Johnson City, Tenn., Friday and Saturday.

Morehead's golfers fired 597, 12 strokes behind Northeast Louisiana's winning score, to finish fifth among 11 teams in the Murray Invitational Friday and Saturday. Freshman Bill Spannuth, who is averaging slightly over 73, fired a 36-hole total of 146 to finish two strokes behind the winner.

Ed Bignon's golf team will play in the Mid-South Classic at Austin Peay State University Friday and Saturday. Other teams scheduled to enter the tournament are the University of Tennessee, Memphis State, Southern Illinois University, Murray, Western Kentucky, and Tennessee Tech.

The Morehead track team was idle this week but will host a dual meet with Ohio University Wednesday and a triangular meet with Eastern Kentucky and Kentucky State Friday. Both meets will begin at 3:00 p.m.

FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 5---Morehead State University's annual Blue-White spring game has been set for 8:00 p. m., Tuesday, May 13, in the Breathitt Sports Center Stadium.

In preparation for this intrasquad contest, which climaxes 20 days of practice for the Eagle gridgers, Coach Jake Hallum's team scrimmaged for the second straight Saturday.

"Our defensive team came up with another victory, but our offensive unit showed a marked improvement," Hallum said. "But our offensive team has a long way to go before next Tuesday."

Hallum praised the work of the entire defensive team, singling out the efforts of certain performers, including linebackers Bill Wamsley, Harry (Sugar Bear) Lyles, and Ron Little. Also receiving praise were middle guards Charles Arline and Jerome Howard; defensive ends John Lempke, Gary Listerman, and Jim Edwards; and defensive halfbacks Mike Rucker and Larry Baldrige.

"Offensively, we were impressed by the much improved play of junior tackle Daryl Sadowski," said Hallum, "and we are very much encouraged by the play of quarterbacks Bill Marston, George Malone, and Buck Donley." Hallum said that the pass protection was somewhat improved.

"We will spend the next week polishing up some flaws in preparation for the May 13 game," the coach said. "We plan to work on our kicking game, running offense, and defensive fundamentals."

Only three men on the Eagle team will be seniors next fall. They are Marston, Wamsley, and two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference tackle Dave Haverdick. A total of 27 lettermen will be returning from last year's team.

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The public is invited to attend the Blue-White game. No admission will be charged, but the M Club will collect donations for the Morehead community hospital expansion drive.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 5---Four Morehead State University athletes have been selected for inclusion in the 1969 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes of America."

They are: Bob Abell, swimming; Jerry Conley, basketball; Wally Leonow, soccer; and Louis Rogan, football.

The book is an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of young athletes who have proven themselves outstanding in sports, campus activities and curriculum.

Nominations are made by athletic departments of colleges and universities throughout the nation. Criteria for selection include sports achievements, leadership ability, athletic recognition and community service.

Abell, a freshman from New Albany, Ind., set four Morehead swimming records and tied another one. His records include the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, the 200-yard freestyle, and 500-yard freestyle. He tied the 60-yard freestyle record.

A senior from Jenkins, Ky., Conley was a three-year regular at guard on the basketball team. The 6-2 Conley averaged 16.5 points a game last season and was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team for the second consecutive year.

Leonow, a senior from South Plainfield, N.J., was a member of Morehead's highly successful soccer team. He helped lead the team through an unbeaten string of 33 games.

One of the greatest running backs in Morehead's history, Rogan gained 1,125 yards rushing as a sophomore last season. He scored 10 touchdowns and averaged 27.8 yards per kickoff return. He was named to the All-OVC team and received honorable mention in the Little All-America selections. His home town is Cabe, Ohio.

The book will be published in July.

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Jack Black

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MOREHEAD, Ky., May 7-----Jack Black ~~currently head basketball coach~~ at Frankfort High School, has been named assistant basketball coach at Morehead State University. *He comes to Morehead after serving as head basketball coach at Frankfort High School for the past 5 years,* Black, who ~~has~~ compiled an 85-41 record in five years as head *(His duties will include coaching the freshman team, scouting, and recruiting)* coach at Frankfort, will assume his duties August 1. ~~Black's 1968-69~~ squad posted a 20-5 mark and advanced as far as the first round of

to the regional tournament,

~~His~~ experience includes two years as an assistant under John Lykins at Frankfort High and one year ~~as~~ as coach at Franklin County Jr. High School.

"I feel very honored to be selected by Coach ^(Bill) Harrell. I'm looking very much toward helping make Morehead a big winner. I have faith in Coach Harrell's ability to get the job done, and ~~I~~ hope that ~~I~~ can add ~~something~~ to a winning program," Black said.

The ~~29~~ 29-year-old Black is a native of Washington County, where he won all-conference honors three times, all-district honors twice, and all-regional honors once. He received a BS degree from Campbellsville College, ~~where he~~ ^{and} lettered three years in basketball and baseball. He plans to work on a master's degree at Morehead.

"Several outstanding men applied for the job," said Coach ~~Harrell~~ Harrell. "but when we started trying to select an assistant who ~~was~~ ^{would be} outstanding both on the court and in recruiting, our thoughts turned quickly to Coach Black because of his outstanding record."

"Jack is an outstanding student of the game," said ~~coach~~ Coach Harrell, "who we feel will do an outstanding job on the court ~~as well as in the all-important area of recruiting.~~" MORE

Black was the first coach to lead Frankfort to both the Central Kentucky Conference title and the tournament title in the same season, when he did this in 1967. His record includes three district titles. His coaching also produced Bobby Jones, Frankfort's first All-State (at Paducah Community College) player. Jones was a Junior College All-America (this past season).

He is married to the former Louise Claywell of Campbellsville. They have two children, Janice Lynn, 6, and John Kevin, 3.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 14 --- "Although our offense did not move the ball as much as we would have liked, we have closed a successful spring practice session," Jake Hallum, Morehead State University head football coach, said following the annual Blue-White game Tuesday.

White-team tailback Louis Rogan ran three yards to score the game's only touchdown with one second remaining on the clock in the first half. John Clark kicked the extra point to give the White team a 7-0 victory.

"All four of our quarterbacks have shown a marked improvement," Hallum said about Bill Marston, Buck Donley, George Malone, and Steve Hale. Marston, an upcoming senior who was last year's regular, completed 10 of 21 passes for 118 yards.

A sophomore transfer from Wilmington College, Ohio, Donley completed both of his two passes for a total of 35 yards. He gained 14 yards on three keeper plays.

Malone, who will be a sophomore next fall, completed three of 11 passes for 56 yards. His longest pass of the night, a 37-yarder to end John High, set up Rogan's touchdown. Hale, a former redshirt, was outstanding as a punter, averaging 44.5 yards per kick. Marston's punting average was 42 yards.

"We received a good game from defensive ends Gary Listerman and Jim Edwards, and our linebackers, Harry Lyles, Bill Wamsley, Tom Lehman, and Ron Little, played well," Hallum said.

The coach also praised the efforts of defensive tackles John Slaughter and two-time All-OVC Dave Haverdick, nose guard Jerome Howard, and the running of wingback John Coning.

"Our defensive secondary has improved, as has our defensive line and quarterbacking situation," Hallum said. He said that Clint Walker, Doug Moore, and Bruce Henderson proved that they will be able to fill the fullback slot vacated by the graduation of Mike Mincey and Otto Gsell.

"Our attitude and morale has been great," Hallum said. "We have improved but have a long way to go before being ready for college competition. We are all looking forward to next fall to resume practice."

Morehead will open the 1969 season with a home game against Marshall University.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 14--Three Morehead State University spring sports teams are preparing for the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs at Western Kentucky University Friday and Saturday, all hoping to improve the last-place standings posted last year.

Ed Bignon's golf team, which has a 4-1 record in dual meets, has a good chance of finishing at least third, Bignon said. The golfers have finished 10th among 44 teams in the Gulf American Classic in Cape Coral, Fla.; eighth among 12 teams in the Mid-America Invitational; and fifth among 11 teams in the Murray Invitational.

Last weekend the golf team, led by Bill Spannuth's third-place 36-hole total of 148, finished fourth in the Mid-South Classic sponsored by Austin Peay. Spannuth, a freshman, is averaging 73.8, and the other team members are firing in the 70's.

"We have proved that we can outshoot five other OVC schools, and if we have a good day we can take third place," Bignon said. "If we don't finish third, I'll really be disappointed."

Marshall Banks' track team will carry a 2-1 dual meet record into the championships, including a narrow victory over Eastern Kentucky and a smashing loss to the same team. Morehead's other victim was Marshall University.

"We definitely hope to improve over last season's 8 points scored," Coach Banks said. "Many of our men have improved their times this year, and we feel we can compete in several categories."

George Sadler's tennis team will be trying to snap a five-meet losing streak to OVC schools. Losses to Tennessee Tech (9-0) and East Tennessee (7-2) last weekend dropped the Eagles' record to 8-6 for the season.

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Morehead has won only one conference meet this season while going undefeated against non-conference competition.

In last year's meet, Morehead tied for last place with Austin Peay with 1 point each. Sadler feels that his team has the potential to improve its standing this year.

Win, lose, or draw, the Morehead spring sports teams this year have nowhere to go but up in OVC playoff action.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., --- Morehead State University, winner of the Eastern Division title, will host Western Kentucky University, the Western Division champion, in the Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship playoffs at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

A doubleheader is scheduled for Friday afternoon, and a single game will be played at 1:30 p.m. Saturday if necessary in the best-of-three series. The games will be played in Breathitt Sports Center.

Western clinched its first divisional title since 1957 by compiling a 10-1 conference mark and a 17-9 overall record. Morehead, repeating as Eastern Division champion, posted a 7-4 OVC record and was 18-6 overall going into today's doubleheader at Marshall University.

Morehead lost in a three-game playoff series at Middle Tennessee last year. The Eagles were OVC champions in 1957 and co-champs in 1963. Coach John (Sonny) Allen coached the 1957 champions.

Coach Allen said that he probably will use righthander Jim Martin and lefty John Lysien as his starters in the playoffs. Martin, a senior with a 4-2 record and a 3.19 ERA, pitched a no-hitter in last year's playoffs. Lysien has a 4-1 record and 2.62 ERA.

Lefty Stan Markham, who has 50 strikeouts to go with a 4-2 record and 1.52 ERA, and Elliott Miles, a righthander with a 4-1 record and 1.36 ERA, are the likely starters for Coach Jim Pickens' Hilltoppers.

Western's pitchers have allowed only 2.52 earned runs per game, while the Eagle mound staff has a 3.06 ERA. Miles has the lowest ERA on the 'Topper staff and Dave Stultz, with a 1.32 ERA, is low man for Morehead.

Morehead's team is hitting 70 percentage points better than Western with a .328 team batting average compared to Western's .256. Three Eagle regulars---centerfielder Ed Wallingford with .446, catcher Steve Dunker with .417, and utility man Al Frazier with .415---are hitting over .400.

Outfielder Jim Zwiesler is Western's leading hitter with a .362 mark. Wallingford and third baseman Mike Punko have each hit four home runs for Morehead, while no Western batter has over two round trippers.

FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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MOREHEAD, Ky., (May 14) -- With a 5-4 record for the season the Morehead State University tennis team heads for Johnson City, Tenn., this weekend for the Ohio Valley Conference championship tournament.

Monday, the Morehead netters tuned up for the meet by whipping Bellarmine of Louisville 9-0. In singles play:

Jim Miller (M) defeated Bellarmine's Terry Gutgsell 6-2, 6-3; Jim Lopez (M) defeated Tom Weber 6-0, 6-4; Steve Wright (M) defeated George Boldrich 6-0, 6-1; John Schram (M) defeated Joe Cassidy 6-1, 6-1; Rich Eisert (M) beat Bob Albers 7-5, 6-4, and Richard Emery (M) defeated Larry Bamburger 6-0, 6-3.

In the doubles, Morehead's Jim Miller and Steve Wright won from Weber and Gutgsell 6-0, 6-4; Jim Lopez and Rich Eisert teamed up to whip Boldrich and Albers in an 8-3 "pro set," and Embry and George Buck defeated Cassidy and John Flynn 6-0, 6-0.

FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

Special to: The Morehead News

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 19--Morehead State University won its first Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship since 1963 here Friday when it defeated Western Kentucky 7-6 and 6-3 in the playoff.

Al Frazier's two-out single to left field in the seventh inning scored Eddie Wallingford from second base to give the Eagles a first-game victory. Wallingford and Tim Dawson had walked with two outs before Frazier delivered his game-winning blow.

Frazier was 3-for-4 in the first game to help lead a 12-hit Morehead attack which featured a home run by third baseman Mike Punko. Jim Martin went all the way for the Eagles to run his record to 5-2.

Back-to-back home runs by Reese Stephenson and Punko gave Morehead a 3-0 first-inning lead in the second game as the Eagles went on to win 6-3. Stephenson's home run came with Sam Daugherty on base, and Punko followed with his seventh round-tripper of the season.

Lefty John Lysien scattered five Western hits in going the distance for Morehead. Lysien finished the season with a 5-1 won-lost record.

Morehead's overall record for the season was 22-6 with a 9-4 OVC mark. One of the highlights of the season was April 9, when the Eagles whipped Centre College three times in one day. On seven occasions, the Eagles scored 10 or more runs in one game.

The Eagles' team batting average was an amazing .332, and the pitchers posted a 3.38 ERA. Wallingford, Frazier, and Dunker all hit over .400 for the season with marks of .462, .438, and .412, respectively.

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This year's championship team is the second one coached by John (Sonny) Allen. He coached the 1957 OVC champs, which included Steve Hamilton, now pitching with the New York Yankees.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
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MOREHEAD, Ky., May 19--Morehead State University's baseball team, Ohio Valley Conference champions, finished the season with a team batting average of .332 and an average of 7.43 runs scored per game.

In compiling an overall record of 22-6, the Eagles outscored the opposition 208 to 99 and outhit the opponents 265 to 171. On seven occasions, Morehead scored over 10 runs. The Eagles suffered only one shutout, a 4-0 loss at East Tennessee.

One of the highlights of the Eagles' season occurred April 9, when Morehead defeated Centre College three times in one day. During one stretch, the Eagles won seven games in five days.

Eddie Wallingford, a sophomore center fielder, led the team in batting with an average of .462. Other Eagle regulars hitting over .400 were second baseman Al Frazier with a .438 mark and catcher Steve Dunker with .412. First baseman Reese Stephenson hit .382; outfielder John Keiffner, .370; and third baseman Mike Punko, .355.

Wallingford and Keiffner tied for the RBI lead with 27 each, and Punko's seven home runs were tops on the team. Wallingford and Frazier each hit seven doubles.

Lefty Dave Stultz posted the top ERA on the mound corps with 2.00, closely followed by southpaw Danny Dennis' 2.01. Another lefthander, John Lysien, with a 5-1 record, and righthander Jim Martin, with a 5-2 mark, recorded the most victories. Lysien's 37 strikeouts led the team.

This championship is Morehead's first since 1963 and is the second for Coach John (Sonny) Allen. He coached the 1957 championship team, which included New York Yankee relief pitcher Steve Hamilton.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 20---Al Frazier, a senior second baseman from Cincinnati, received the "Outstanding Senior Athlete" and "Mr. Intramural" awards at the annual activities awards day at Morehead State University Tuesday.

The "Outstanding Senior Athlete" award was presented by the Aquila Club to the most outstanding athlete in varsity competition, intramural participation, and other campus activities. Frazier starred in flag football, basketball, and other intramural sports at Morehead. A four-year veteran on the varsity baseball team, Frazier delivered the game-winning hit in the first game of the OVC baseball playoff with Western Kentucky last week.

Ron Gathright, a junior basketball forward from Louisville, received the "Most Improved Athlete" award from the Varsity M Club. The 6-3 Gathright averaged 12.7 points and 10.5 rebounds for Morehead's OVC co-champions.

Jake Grooms of Greenfield, Ohio, was named intramural coach of the year, and William Newland of Highland, Ohio, was honored as intramural official of the year. Donna Weikman of Hicksville, N. Y., was named "Miss Intramural."

Suzanne Lyle of Louisville and Frank Konen of Hicksville, N. Y., received the Earl Smith Memorial Awards for outstanding participation in the intramural program. Earl Smith was a student intramural director at Morehead who was killed in an automobile accident.

Ed Moore of Manchester, Ohio, received a trophy for being the outstanding sports announcer for WMKY-FM, the campus radio station.

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Letters were presented to varsity athletes in all sports, including 17 in baseball, 13 in basketball, 27 in football, seven in golf, six in tennis, nine in track and field, three in wrestling, five in swimming, seven in cross country, and nine in soccer.

The top five female and top five male intramural athletes and the Morehead State University Judo Club also received trophies.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 20---Danny Cornett, a 6-1 guard from Morehead State University, has been invited by the Seattle Super Sonics to report to their rookie camp in August.

Often called the "best sixth man in the Ohio Valley Conference," Cornett was a supplementary draft choice for the Super Sonics in the recent National Basketball Association draft.

A former high school star at University Breckinridge School in Morehead, Cornett was a semi-regular during the past three years at Morehead. He averaged 8.6 points a game last season and 9.2 in 1967-68.

Cornett is the fourth Morehead player drafted by an NBA team this spring. Lamar Green, Willie (Hobo) Jackson, and Jerry Conley were selected in the regular draft--Conley by Seattle in the 14th round.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to get a chance at the pros," Cornett said. "I must say that it was quite a surprise, but a pleasant one."

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FROM: * OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 20---Although they improved over last year's performances, Morehead State University's spring sports teams didn't fare so well in the Ohio Valley championships at Bowling Green Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The golf team, coached by Ed Bignon, showed the most improvement over last year as it finished third with a score of 718, compared to Western Kentucky's winning 708. Bruce Walters, the lone senior on Morehead's team, tied for fifth place individually with a 178 score. Western's Rick Whitfield was the medalist with 173.

Morehead finished last in the 1969 tournament.

Coach George Sadler's tennis team finished in sixth place in the tough competition which ended Sunday. The tennis squad had also finished in last place last year.

Coach Marshall Banks' track team scored 5 points to tie Austin Peay for seventh place. Western Kentucky was the winner with 102 points. Last season Morehead scored 8 points for eighth place.

Dave Neely finished second in the high jump competition with a leap of 6'4", which was good for four points. Football player Jim Bayes finished fifth in the intermediate hurdles for Morehead's other point.

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FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 21--- Dave Haverdick and Phillip Hardin of Morehead State University have been selected for inclusion in the 1969 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes in America."

The addition of the biographies of Haverdick and Hardin to the publication increases the total number of Morehead athletes included in the publication to six. The entries in the edition of Bob Abell, Jerry Conley, Wally Leonow, and Louis Rogan had been announced earlier.

A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, Haverdick is a 240-pound junior defensive tackle from Canton, Ohio. He was named honorable mention on the 1968 Little All-America team. Haverdick also lettered in track at Morehead this year.

Hardin, a junior from Morehead, was the top cross-country runner for Coach Marshall Banks' team. He finished first in the Ashland College Invitational Meet and also won a quadrangular meet at the University of Cincinnati Sept. 28. An injury slowed him during part of the cross country season and the majority of the track season.

The book is an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of young athletes throughout the nation. Criteria for selection include sports achievements, leadership ability, athletic recognition, and community service.

The book will be published in July.

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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

1969 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

With 27 lettermen returning from last season's team which posted a 3-6-1 overall mark, second-year coach Jake Hallum has more to look forward to this season than he had last year.

Last year's freshman-dominated team is now one year older and more experienced, and only eight men were lost through graduation. Two of the graduated seniors---tight end Marvin Hicks and safety Leon Wesley--were first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selections. Tackle Jim Fisher, who has signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals, and offensive guard Dave Moore were on the All-OVC second team.

In addition to replacements for the All-OVC players, replacements must also be found at fullback, held down by two seniors last season, and in the defensive backfield. Defensive end Clint Walker and defensive monster Doug Moore, who both played some high school fullback, have moved into the fullback slot, and running back Larry Baldridge has moved into the defensive backfield.

Quarterbacking is stronger this season with veteran Bill Marston finding stiff competition from sophomore George Malone and Buck Donley, a transfer from Wilmington College. Redshirt Steve Hale is also available for the signal-calling job.

Coach Hallum said that he expects his defensive line to be solid. It is anchored by two-time All-OVC selection Dave Haverdick, a 6-5, 240-pound tackle. Moving into Fisher's vacated spot will be 250-pound John Slaughter.

"Our offensive line and blocking might be a problem spot, but we have been working hard on this in spring practice," Hallum said.

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"Enthusiasm and a will to work hard have been the high points of this year's spring practice," Hallum said. "Our boys are still young and inexperienced, but they have desire."

Only three men on Morehead's 1969 squad will be seniors. Thirteen freshmen lettered last season as Morehead dropped five games by a total of 23 points. The most outstanding come-from-behind effort made by the team last season was on Homecoming day when the Eagles spotted Youngstown State 26 points in the first half before coming back to win 35-26.

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 28 --- Four members of Morehead State University's OVC championship baseball team have been named to the 10-member Eastern division All-Ohio Valley Conference team and Morehead's John (Sonny) Allen has been named "Coach of the Year."

Eddie Wallingford, sophomore centerfielder from Peebles, Ohio, was an All-OVC outfielder for the second time and also "Player of the Year" in the conference. Other Eagles on the Eastern Division All-Star team are: first baseman Reese Stephenson, catcher Steve Dunker, and righthanded pitcher Jim Martin.

Dunker, Martin, and Wallingford are all repeaters from last year's team.

Second baseman Al Frazier, third baseman Mike Punko, and outfielder John Keiffner were all named honorable mention.

Wallingford batted .462 with four home runs and 27 RBI, while Dunker, a senior from Spencer, Ind., hit .412 for the Eagles. Stephenson, a sophomore from South Shore, had four home runs and a .382 batting average. Martin, a senior from Washington, Pa., posted a 5-2 record, including a victory in the OVC playoffs with Western Kentucky.

Frazier, a Cincinnati senior, compiled a .438 batting mark with 22 RBI, while Punko, a Rahway, N. J., senior, walloped seven home runs and batted in 21, while hitting .355. Keiffner, a senior from Louisville, had 27 runs batted in and a .370 batting mark.

This year's OVC championship was the second for Allen, who coached the 1957 championship team. His Eagles posted a 22-6 overall record and 9-4 conference mark this year.

Morehead's four players on the first team represent the largest number by any one OVC school. Tennessee Tech, Murray, and Western Kentucky had three players each; East Tennessee, Austin Peay, and Middle Tennessee two each; and Eastern Kentucky one.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., June 10 --- Righthander Glen McDaniel of Lewis County High School at Vanceburg has signed a baseball grant-in-aid with Morehead State University.

The 6-1, 160-pound hurler pitched seven no-hitters in his high school career and compiled a 27-2 record in four seasons. He led Lewis County to league titles this season in the Eastern Kentucky and Cave Run Athletic conferences.

Morehead State University Baseball Coach John (Sonny) Allen described McDaniel as "a fine college prospect."

The new signee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. McDaniel of Rt. 7, Vanceburg.

McDaniel also was a basketball standout at Lewis County High School. He averaged more than 20 points per game last season and was named to the All-EKC team and All-State honorable mention list.

He played his high school basketball and baseball under Coach Donnie Gaunce, a two-sport letterman at MSU who played on Coach Allen's 1957 Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship team.

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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

1969-70 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

First-year coach Bill Harrell will be facing a rebuilding year with the Eagles, who finished in a tie for the Ohio Valley Conference championship last season. Lost through graduation are five seniors, including starters Lamar Green, Willie (Hobo) Jackson, and Jerry Conley---who were all drafted by professional teams.

Regulars Ron Gathright and Bobby Hiles are among the seven returning lettermen. Gathright, a 6-3 forward, averaged 12.7 points and 10.5 rebounds a game last season, while Hiles, a 6-2 playmaking guard, scored an average of 9.5 points a contest. Both men are seniors.

Gathright, a former Morehead State football fullback, was the eighth best rebounder in the league last season. The Louisville Thomas Jefferson product can grab a lot of rebounds for a man his height. He and Hiles will be expected to supply team leadership this season.

A former transfer from the University of Kentucky, Hiles concentrated on ball handling and playmaking last season. Hiles, who was an All-State selection at Maysville High School, connected on 77.8 per cent of his field goal attempts.

The lone scholarship player on last season's freshman squad has been promoted to the varsity. He is 6-1 guard Eddie Conley, brother of All-OVC guard Jerry Conley. Eddie averaged 21.5 points a game for the Morehead frosh last season.

Jerry King, a 6-3 forward-guard who played four years of basketball while in the Air Force, will be a great asset to the team. King, who will be a sophomore in eligibility, starred in intramural ball last season.

Lettermen returning from last year's team, in addition to Gathright and Hiles, are 6-3 Don Byars, 6-6 Jerry Hueseman, 6-8 Jimmy Day, 6-5 Jerry Umberger, and 6-7 Al Harney.

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Coach Harrell, who was named Kentucky high school "Coach of the Year" in 1965 and 1966 before joining the University of Nebraska staff as an assistant, is still busily seeking junior college transfers for help in the fall.

It is doubtful that the 1969-70 Eagles can match the 18-9 overall record and 11-3 OVC mark posted last season. With an average of 58.6 rebounds, Morehead finished third in the nation in rebounding. The team's offensive average of 88.6 was ninth best in the country, and its average scoring margin was 20th best.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., June 19---Gary Clutter, a speedy halfback from Wintersville, Ohio, has signed a grant-in-aid at Morehead State University.

Clutter, who runs the 100 in 9.9, gained over 1,000 yards during his senior year at Wintersville High School as he scored 12 touchdowns.

During his three-year career, Wintersville had a 28-2 record and the 170-pounder led his team to the number 11 ranking in the state of Ohio in 1968.

"Gary is the type of young man who has greatly impressed us with his character and attitude, as well as his speed, quickness and overall football ability," said MSU football coach Jake Hallum.

Hallum pointed out that Clutter played in one of the toughest leagues in the state of Ohio and played under an outstanding high school coach, Bob Kettlewell.

Young Clutter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clutter, 111 East Carlton Road, Steubenville, Ohio.

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MOREHEAD, Ky., June 27---The second annual Morehead State University Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on the University Course, July 4, 5 and 6.

The championship flight will be medal play with all other flights being match play. Qualification will be required for the championship flight only, with qualifying scores or handicaps accepted by mail for other flights. Qualifying scores or handicaps must be attested by the home pro and should be received by July 2 with the entry fee of \$12.50.

Entries should be sent to Ed Bignon, Box 253, Morehead, Ky.

Prizes for the three-day event will include a \$200 gift certificate for the winner with the next five finishers in the championship flight receiving gift certificates. Winners and runners-up in all other flights will receive gift certificates and there will be consolation flights, guaranteeing participants at least two days of competition.

Bignon, professional at the beautiful nine-hole University Course, said he plans to limit the participants to 86. Jody Evans, Mt. Sterling, will return to defend his hard earned championship of 1968. Evans will be strongly challenged by Gary Arnold, a member of the MSU golf team who recently won the Chippaway Tourney at Maysville. Also competing will be Wayne Martin, Pikeville, who finished second at Maysville, and Bill Spannuth, the number one man on MSU's fine golf team.

"We anticipate a fine field of golfers in the championship flight," said Bignon, "but we want to encourage all types of golfers to participate as we have some fine prizes for all flights."

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The University Course is a nine hole, par 35 layout with out-of-bounds bordering all but one hole. It is the only university-owned and maintained golf course in Kentucky.